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十 塚原に不測の事態が発生!!
呼ばれる化物が幼なじみの友里を襲う!!
守る

化物狗候と
悪魔の契約を
交わし墓守へと変貌することだった…!!

墓守戦記、開幕!!

心痛なる勇気がほとばしる

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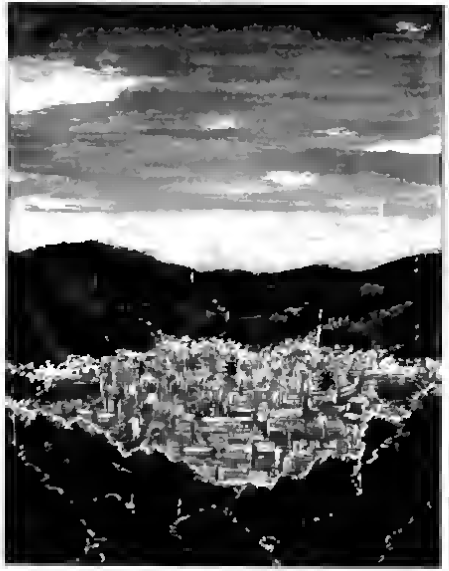
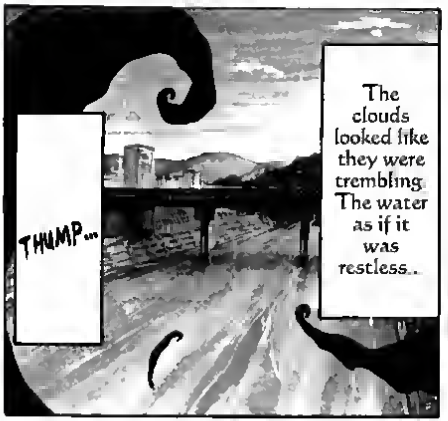
It is said,
What exists there, are blood and corpses
What echoes, are the screams of pain.
The shadows of those who fall, will continue to, until they reach hell
By looking at their appearance, you know it is the end for them.
On the other side of the locked door...
...people wonder what kind of unthinkable creature resides there.

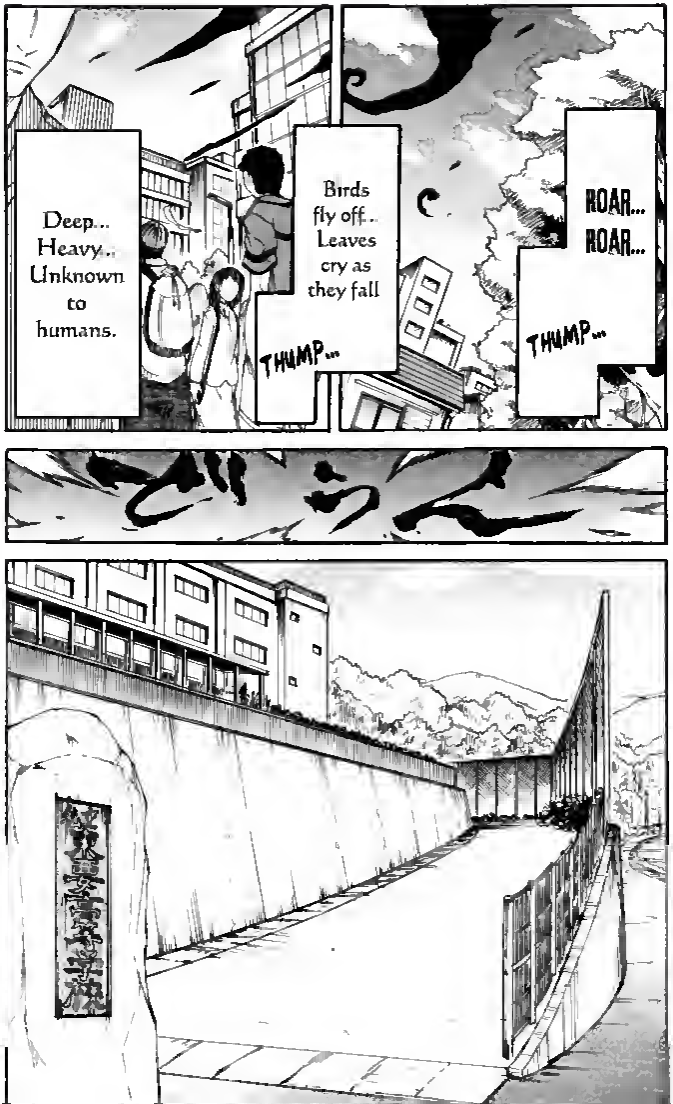
The First Moment: The eternal opening




THUMP...
The clouds looked like they were trembling. The water as if it was restless..

THUMP...

THUMP...


Deep... Heavy... Unknown to humans.
Birds fly off.. Leaves cry as they fall
THUMP...
ROAR... ROAR...
THUMP...
どぅん

Again!
Ah!
YOU'RE REALLY AN IDIOT, HUH?
SIGH.
I THOUGHT YOU QUIT FIGHTING BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS LOSE LIKE THIS.
DON'T JUST SAY "WHAT," TOMIT-SUKA
OUCH...
WHAT, IT'S JUST YOU, TSURUHARA?

SO ANNOYING. IT WASN'T A FIGHT
HMPH
Ow!
ゴチ
Smack
Well, I was worried, you know!
TOMOE!

WHAT HAPPENED? DID I REALLY HURT YOU THAT BADLY?
...
SEE...
DON'T YOU HEAR THAT? IT'S COMING FROM SOME-WHERE...
NAH...
EH...? WHAT?
?
MAYBE IT'S A FESTIVAL? THEY'RE EVEN PLAYING DRUMS
どぅん...
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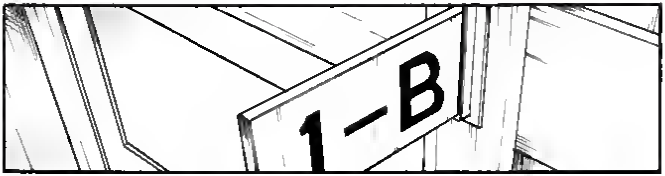
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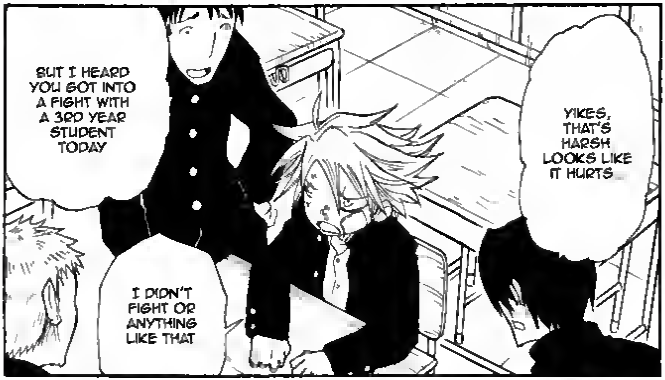
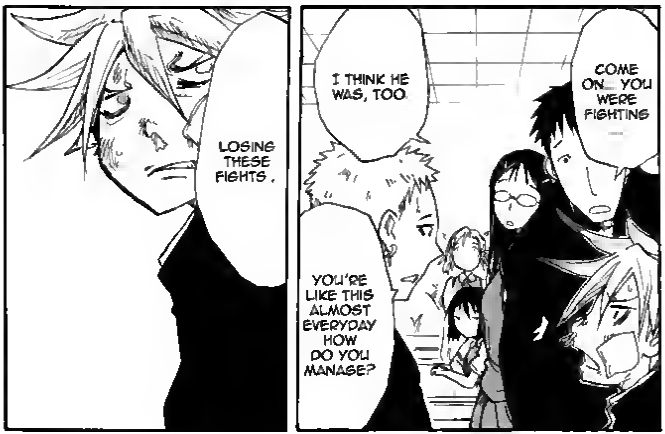

BUT I HEARD YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH A 3RD YEAR STUDENT TODAY
I DIDN'T FIGHT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
YIKES, THAT'S HARSH LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS


LOSING THESE FIGHTS.
I THINK HE WAS, TOO
COME ON... YOU WERE FIGHTING
YOU'RE LIKE THIS ALMOST EVERYDAY HOW DO YOU MANAGE?

You're wrong, you're wrong!
Eh?!
I only said that the two of you are pretty close...
Huh, what?!
Tomitsuka's just someone I knew when I was a kid... He's an idiot!
I GUESS IT'S A TABOO SUBJECT SINCE YOU'RE BLUSHING
HE SAID, "IT WASN'T A FIGHT," LIKE HE ALWAYS SAY
AGAIN, THIS MORNING
THERE'S NO HELPING THAT GUY

but honestly, when we were kids, he was an idiot and a liar
Maybe it was his foolishness for trying to save someone,
if I lose, it's alright. It wouldn't be considered a fight." Saying something like that...
"Fights are between guys that don't have the intention of losing, so
"Afterwards, I'm the only one in pain. So if I saved someone, that's fine with me."
"Just once, I'd like to punch those guys who deserve to be hit."

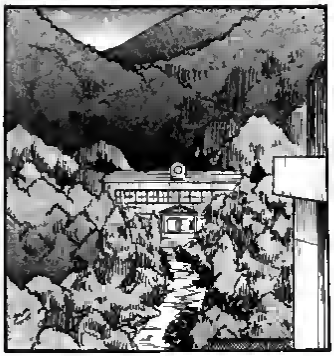
I'M FINE WITH THAT.
SO FOR ME,
STOP CRYING ALREADY, TOMOE.
I'M FINE SO,
THE PUNCHES OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WHO BULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS, ARE JUST LIKE FARTS.
BUT... FOR MY SAKE... I'M SORRY, KEI
..OK
HMPH,

Ah!
WHO DID YOU SAY IS WEAK?
I GUESS I HAVE TO STAY AS HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND, AFTER ALL
EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO WEAK, HE DOESN'T RETREAT
Hey! What are you doing to a girl?
What did you say, you meddling old woman?!
Hoh? You wanna have a go?
YOU FAT COW
DON'T SAY UNNECESSARY THINGS,
STUPID SHORTY
ACTUALLY, HE'S NOT WEAK, HE'S JUST A

HOHOHO SURRENDER TO ME NOW
Shit...
KEI, I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE ESPECIALLY TODAY!
TOMOE IS MATCHING HER STRENGTH AGAINST MITSUKA-KUN AGAIN!
HAHA! YOUR CONTINUOUS LOSING RECORD HAS BEEN UPDATED!
Ah!
TOMOE-CHAN, HELP!
Ouch!

THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING?
THE TEACHER ASKED ME TO BRING THE TEXTBOOKS TO THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING AFTER CLASS TODAY.
AH... THAT BUILDING IS A BIT SCARY, HUH? SURE, I'LL GO WITH YOU THERE.
THANKS.
WHAT? IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING?
KEI, YOU DON'T KNOW?
RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST A STORAGE ROOM.
But it was built at a place that used to be a cemetery or an execution spot. There are lots of scary rumors that ghosts come out from that place.
Inside, there's a room that once you enter, you can never escape...

PEOPLE KEPT BEING SPIRITED AWAY THERE, SO MY DAD SAYS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW SCHOOL WING THERE TO PREVENT THAT.
I HEARD ABOUT THIS STORY FROM MY GRANDPA WHEN I WAS A CHILD AND IT WAS SCARY!
HE SAYS THAT THERE IS A MONSTER LIVING IN THE MOUNTAINS BEHIND THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING. SO HE TOLD ME NEVER TO GO THERE.
THE OLD WOMAN FROM KASURATUJI, WHO RUNS THE USED BOOKSHOP AND LIKES GHOST STORIES, ALSO SAYS THAT WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
I SEE
PEOPLE SAY THAT KIND OF FOOLISH TALK.
HUH, THAT'S REALLY SCARY.
IDIOT,
HEY, IDIOT
YOU HELP TOO!
YOU LOST TO ME JUST NOW, REMEMBER?
What did you say?!



BE HELPFUL IN A NORMAL WAY, FOR A CHANGE, PLEASE
SIGH...

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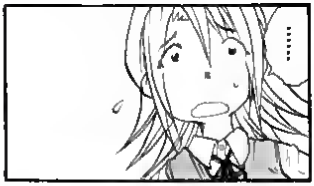
IS HERE OKAY?
YEP, THANKS, TOMITSUKA-KUN.
EVEN THE ELECTRICITY DOESN'T WORK HERE SO INCONVENIENT.
THE TEACHER EVEN SAID TO BRING A FLASHLIGHT.
SCARY, HUH?
COMING HERE ALONE IS DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE
WELL, LET'S HURRY UP AND LEAVE
THUMP...

I'M GOING TO GO BACK IN ONCE MORE
Eh!? Why? Did you forget something?
NAH, SOMETHING JUST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION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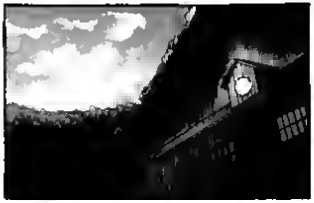
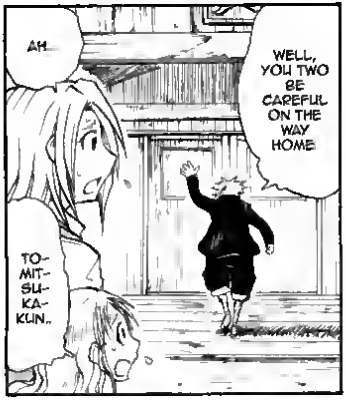
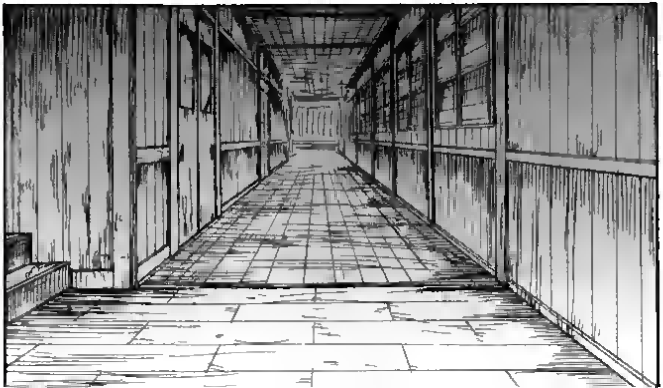
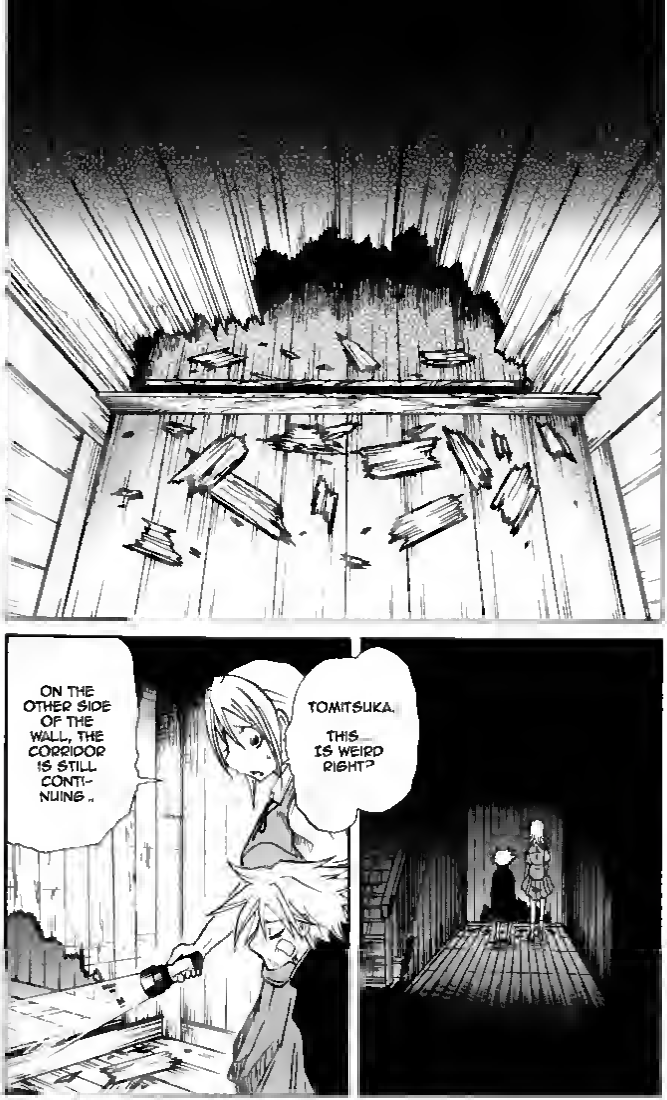



WELL, YOU TWO BE CAREFUL ON THE WAY HOME
AH
TO-MIT-SU-KA-KUN..



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS IS TROUBLE-SOME IT'S PITCH BLACK IN HERE
SAYS THE GIRL WHO CRIED AND PEED HER PANTS DURING THE TEST OF COURAGE, WHEN WE WERE KIDS
IF YOU'RE HERE ALONE I WOULD WORRY RIGHT? YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A LIGHT
HUH? I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE ALREADY!

A SOUND?
SEEZ, AGAIN WITH THAT SOUND? WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS COMING FROM SOME-WHERE IN THIS OLD SCHOOL BUILDING
NO WAY
SO THAT SOUND, YOU HEAR IT NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE?
IT COMES FROM HERE!
I DON'T REALLY GET IT EITHER,
BUT I'M CERTAIN THAT THE SOUND IS COMING FROM HERE
Thump...

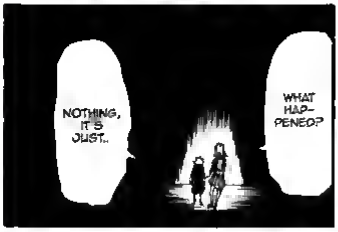

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL, THE CORRIDOR IS STILL CONTI-NUING...
TOMITSUKA.
THIS... IS WEIRD RIGHT?

Ouch!
Hey! What do you think you're by doing by making it wider??
It's here!
SFX: SNAP SNAP
I CAN HEAR IT
IT SOUNDS WELL... BE BETTER IF YOU JUST LEAVE IT ALONE.
WHAT HMPH
TSURUHARA, YOU SHOULD GO HOME AFTER ALL YOU'RE SCARED, RIGHT?
Eh?!
I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK
Wh...

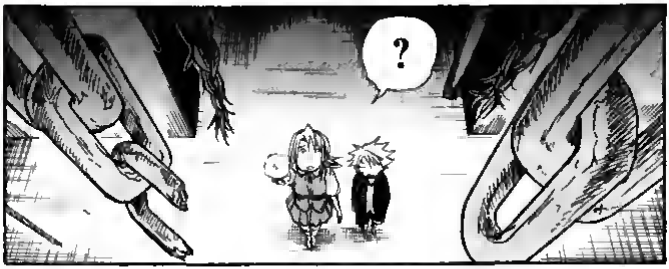
I'M YOUR CHILD-HOOD FRIEND
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE BY MYSELF
I'LL BE WORRIED IDIOT
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I'M FINE
THANKS
THIS CORRI-DOR
IT'S LONG, HUH

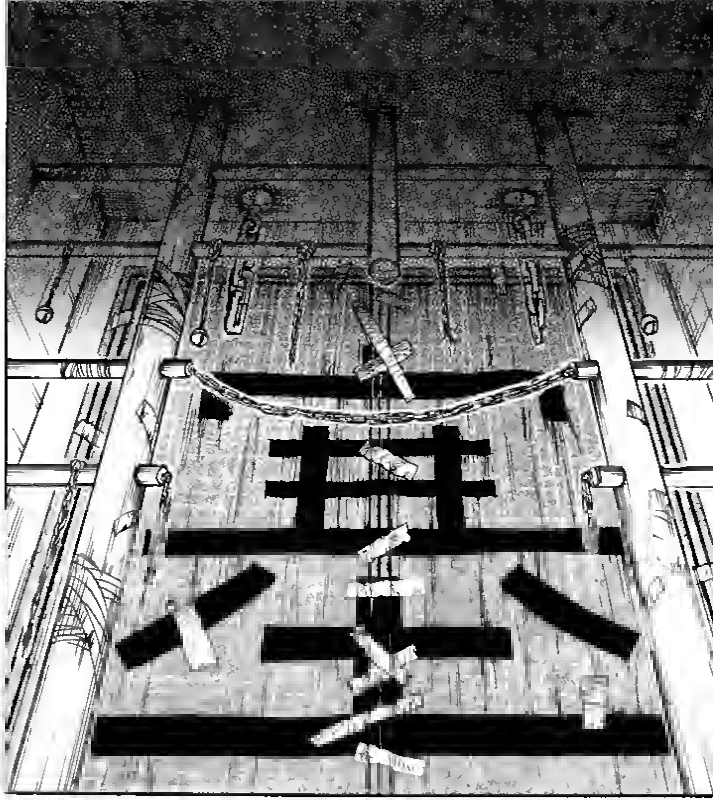
IS IT A TORII...? WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S CUTTING INTO THE WALLS.
WHY ARE THESE TORIIS LINED UP INSIDE A CORRIDOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING?
DOES IT HAVE SOME KIND OF MEANING OR SOME-THING?

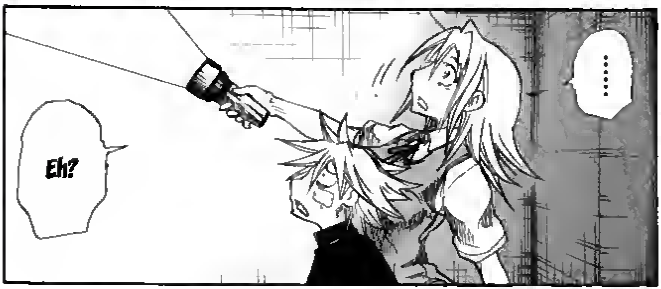
TL/NOTE: A TORII IS A BIG RED GATE FOUND IN JAPANESE SHRINES



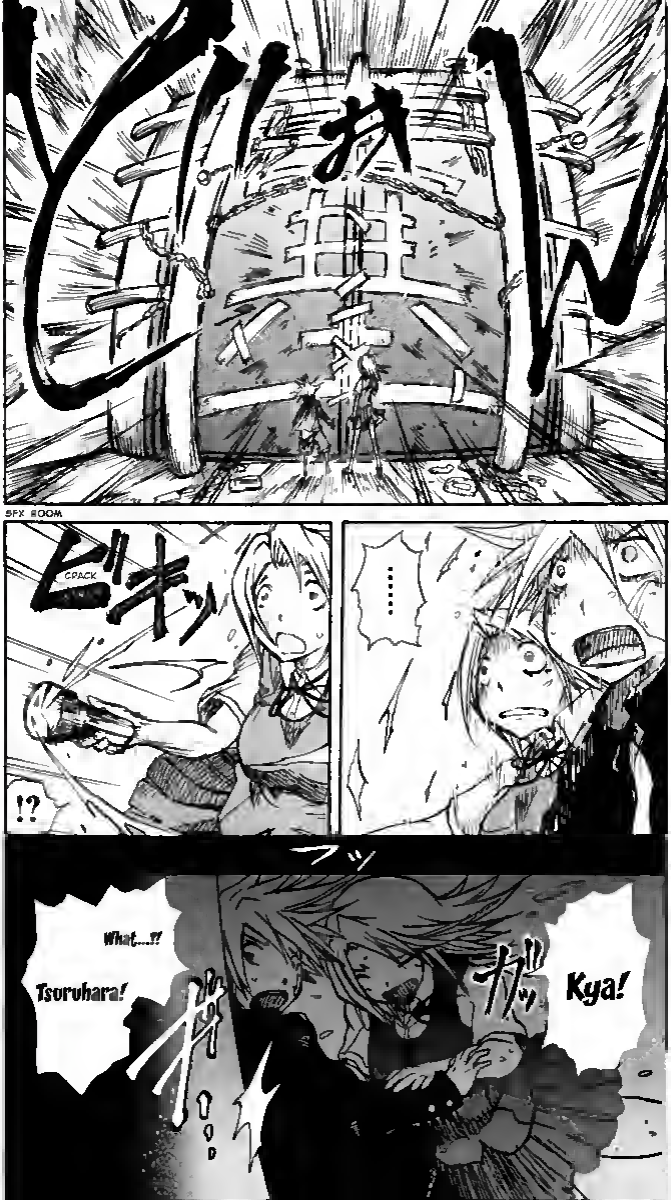
THIS PLACE MIGHT NOT EVEN BE WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS, ANYMORE. WE'VE PROBABLY PAST THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS BEHIND THE SCHOOL ALREADY
AND THESE WALLS ARE MADE OF STONE... THIS IS WEIRD FOR SURE...



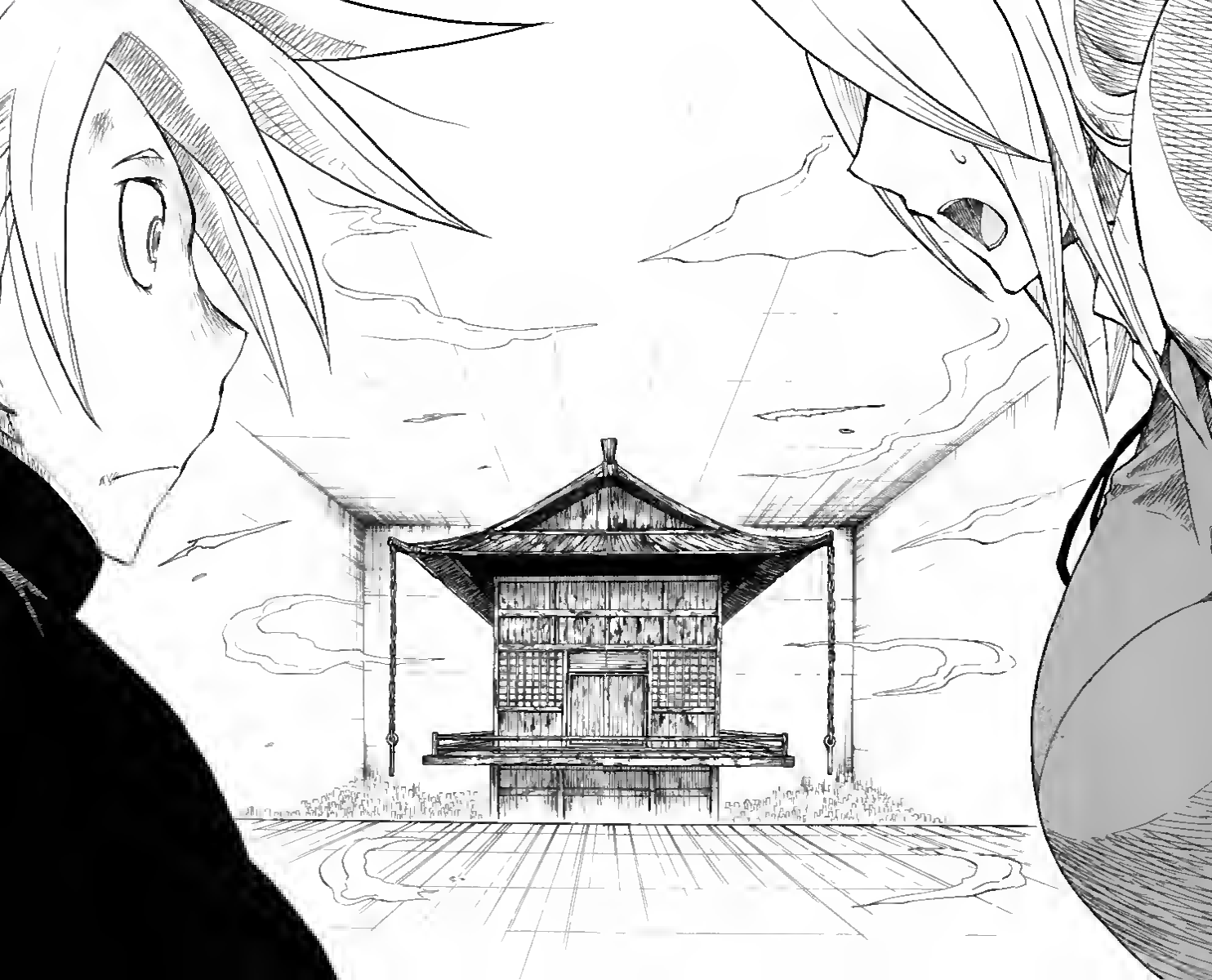


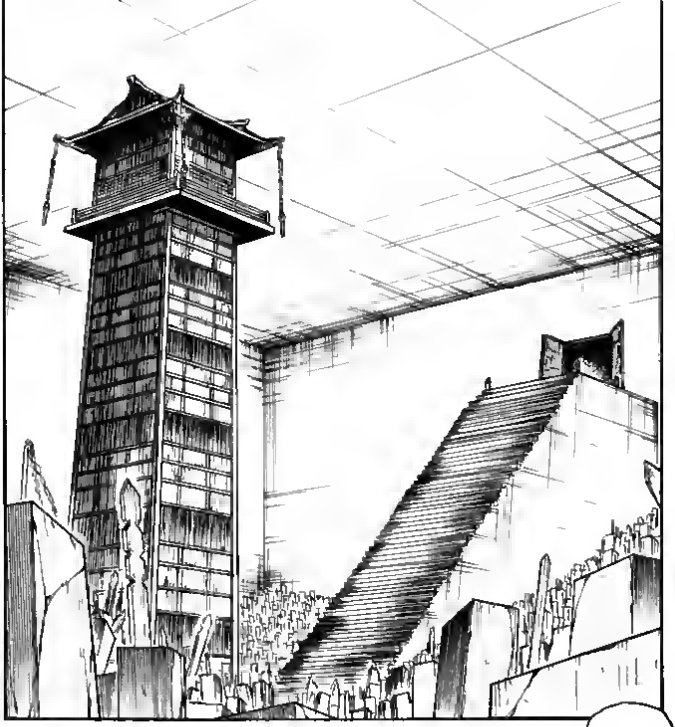

Eh?
……

THIS PLACE, COULD IT BE...
THE ROOM THAT DOESN'T OPEN?
THIS IS A...
...DOOR?


SFX: BOOM
CRACK
!?
……
フッ
What...!?
Tsuruhara!
Kya!

SFX: SNAP SNAP
Eh?!
TSUBUHARA, ARE YOU OKAY?
UR@H, YOU'RE HEAVY...
OWOW OW...
...EH?
...?
どさ...





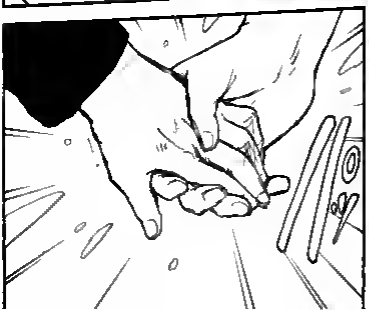
SO THE RUMOR THAT THE SCHOOL WAS ON TOP OF A CEMETERY —WAS TRUE?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE? ARE THOSE GRAVE-STONES?
WHY ARE THEY LEFT LIKE THAT?
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT OUT-SIDE, WHY IS IT SO BRIGHT?

A VOICE
VOICE? WHOSE?
JUST NOW
...
ED
OPEN-ED.
WHAT HAP-PENED?
OPEN-ED!!!
OPENED...

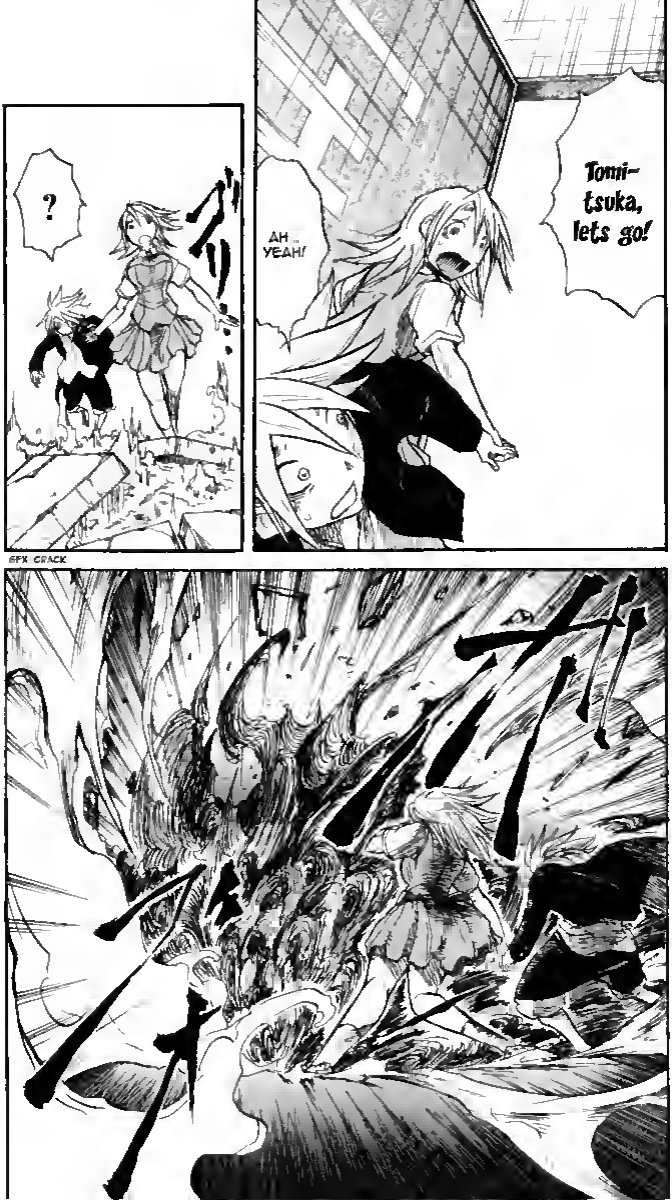
THE CLOSED DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED !
...BEEN OPENED DDDDDD!
!?

Muaha haha ha...
Haha haha ha!

.....
WHAT WAS THAT, JUST NOW?



The closed door that held us in.
was opened so easily by an idiot.


Tomi-
tsuka,
let's go!
AH
YEAH!
?
SFX: CRACK

A BUNCH OF IDIOTS
HEH, HEH...
MAYBE BECAUSE I DIDN'T LOOK AT WHAT WAS AROUND ME
FOR A LONG TIME, I WAS STARVING
EVERYONE IS IN A HURRY TO GO OUTSIDE
!?
WELL, FOR NOW, I'LL MAKE MYSELF A BODY.
SOME-ONE LIKE ME,
MADE FROM A LUMP OF EARTH

Wh... What? What?!
What is this?!

Hm. you look tasty...!
I should torture and eat you!
...
Don't you think so?

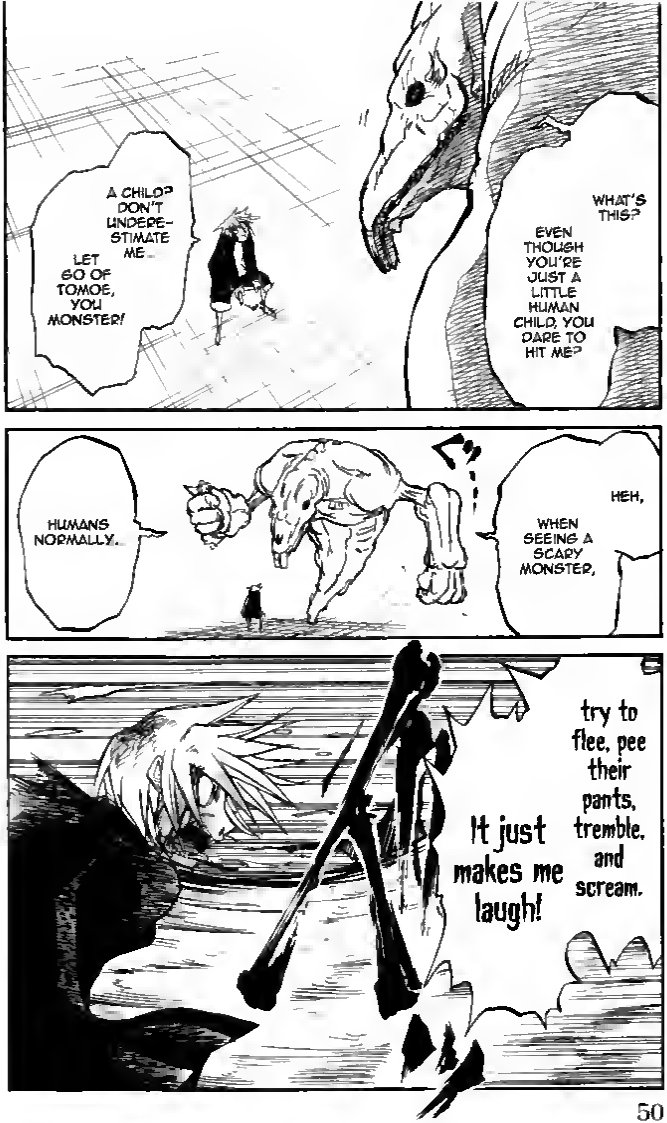
TCH... WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA DO...?
KE!...
OH?
SFX: WHIP

HEH,
That shabby guy... I'll kill him next.
I haven't found such a meat in a very long time.
DON'T BE RUDE AND INTERRUPT ME NOW
GUHAHA!
.....
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING TO DO TO KEI?!

Kei!
Are you alright?
SHE REALLY LOOKS DELICIOUS.
OH... SO FULL OF LIFE.
Kyaaa!
!!

Gah!
OW
OW
UGH
!?

Ha...
Ha...
Gasp!
Hahah
aha!
Hahah
aha!
Guha
haha!
Let
go of
Tomoe!


A CHILD? DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME..
LET GO OF TOMOE, YOU MONSTER!
WHAT'S THIS?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE HUMAN CHILD, YOU DARE TO HIT ME?
HUMANS NORMALLY,
WHEN SEEING A SCARY MONSTER,
HEH,
It just makes me laugh!
try to flee, pee their pants, tremble, and scream.

KE I...
ハッ
THIS GIRL...DID SHE FAINT?
...WHAT'S THIS?
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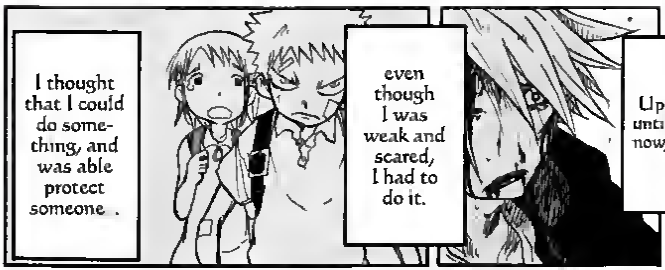
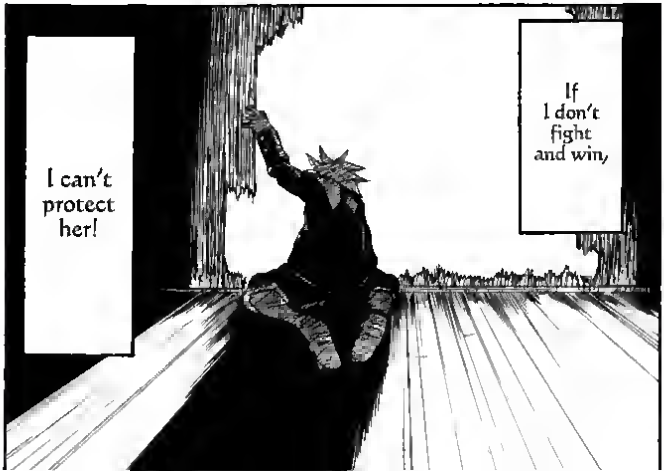
WELL THEN...
WHAT SHOULD I DO . MAYBE I SHOULD WAKE HER UP AND TORTURE HER A BIT MORE
OR...
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST EAT HER AS SHE IS


I thought that I could do something, and was able protect someone .
even though I was weak and scared, I had to do it.
Up until now,

None of that matters
That's why—winning or losing...
!!

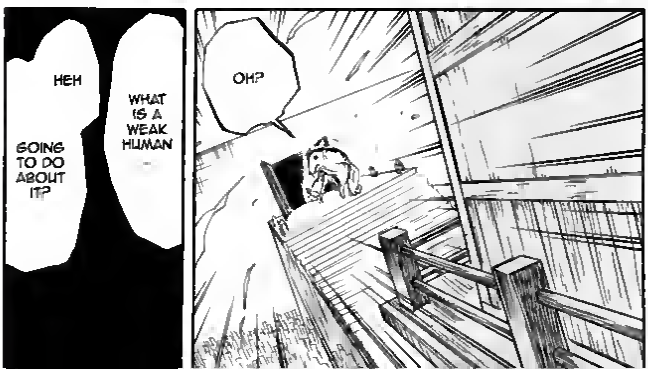
That monster... if I don't beat him... I can't protect her.
diffe-rent...
But... this time it's diffe-rent. That thing is...

No, it's not okay.
It's not okay if I lose this time...

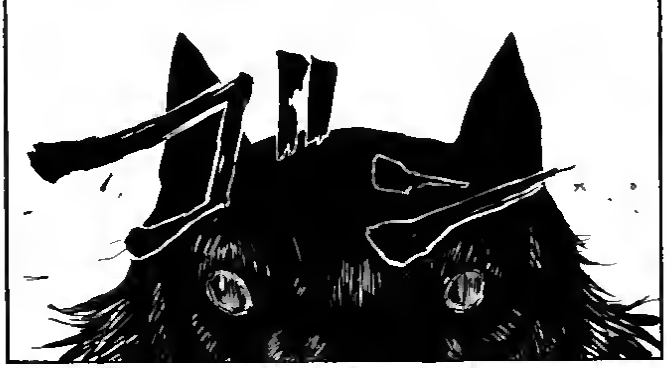

I can't protect her!
If I don't fight and win,

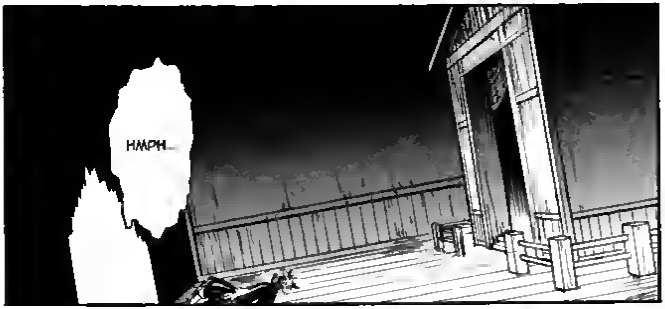
THE GIRL HERE IS STILL ALIVE.
GUHA HA,
DON'T WORRY
HE'S PRETTY STUB-BORN
HMM? THAT KID HE'S STILL ALIVE?
SO I'LL LET YOU STAY AND WATCH
I'M IN A GOOD MOOD,
Guha ha,
YOU JUST KEEP QUIET AND WATCH FROM THERE
It seems from just one squeeze she will suddenly burst.
Ah!
Kai-
This girl is so soft.

IF YOU DO ANY-THING TO TOMOE,
I'M NOT JUST GOING TO SIT HERE, YOU BASTARD!


OH?
WHAT IS A WEAK HUMAN
GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
HEH

SO WHAT IF...?
WHAT IF I'M WEAK...
YEAH I'M WEAK...
LIKE I CARE ABOUT THAT
I'M MOVING, EVEN THOUGH I'M AWARE THAT I'M WEAK.
NEVER-THELESS I WILL KEEP ON...




HMPH...

SO, I THOUGHT, IF YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF DEATH...
DO YOU HAVE THE WILL TO BECOME A "GRAVE PROTECTOR"?
I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO END THIS.
...?
YOU LOOK PRETTY FRIENDLY.

IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT GIRL TO DIE,
THEN BIND WITH ME, AND BECOME A GRAVE PROTECTOR
THAT MONSTER IS A "KUZURE" *
HE ATTACKS HUMANS, HE EATS HUMANS, HE IS AN ENEMY OF HUMANS
I AM A YUKIFUSA*
I HOLD THE POWER TO FIGHT WITH THEM BY TURNING PEOPLE INTO "GRAVE PROTECTORS"
T/N: DOG CORPSE / HELL HOUND
T/N: TO BREAK
IF YOU BECOME A GRAVE PROTECTOR,
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE THE GIRL
IF YOU WANT TO DEFEAT THAT MONSTER,
YOU WILL HAVE TO PLACE YOUR TRUST ON THIS MONSTER

BUT, YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING A HUMAN IF YOU CHOSE TO BE A BRAVE PROTECTOR.
BECAUSE THIS MERGE IS BETWEEN A CORPSE AND A LIVING BEING

I... IF I CAN HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE TOMOE,
RIGHT NOW, I CAN BECOME ANYTHING

YOU CAN TELL ME THE FULL STORY,
LATER I'LL LISTEN
FOR ME, RIGHT NOW-

I CAN'T LOSE.
AH... I'M STARTING TO LIKE YOU MORE AND MORE, KID...

HUH?
I'M NOT A KID!

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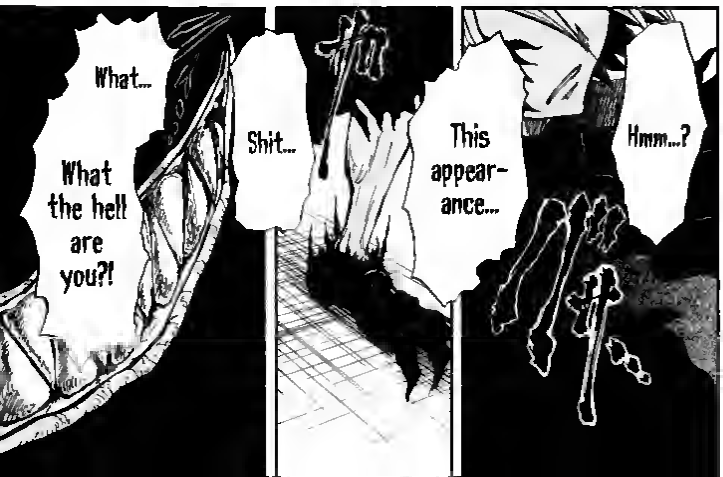
Ugh!
Wh... What was that?
ナ!!
ラ・・・
フッフッフッフッフッ


What...
What the hell are you?!
Shit...
This appear-ance...
Hmm...?

You turned into a Grave Protector?!
You...!

I'm Tomitsuka Kei!

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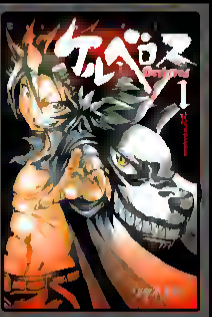

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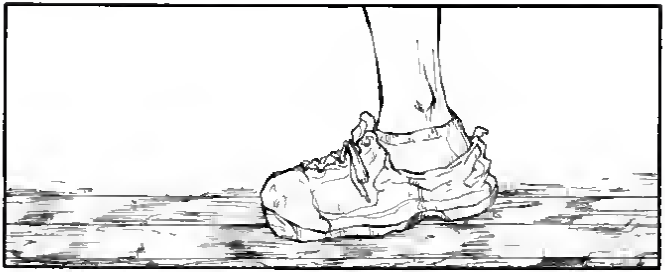
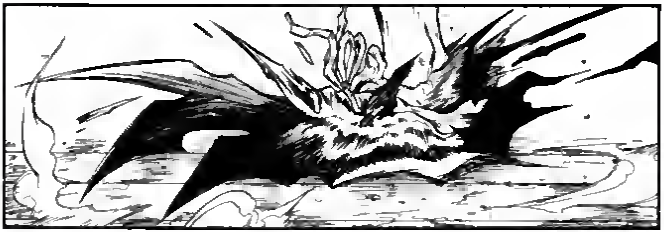
The Second Moment: Walk on One's Back

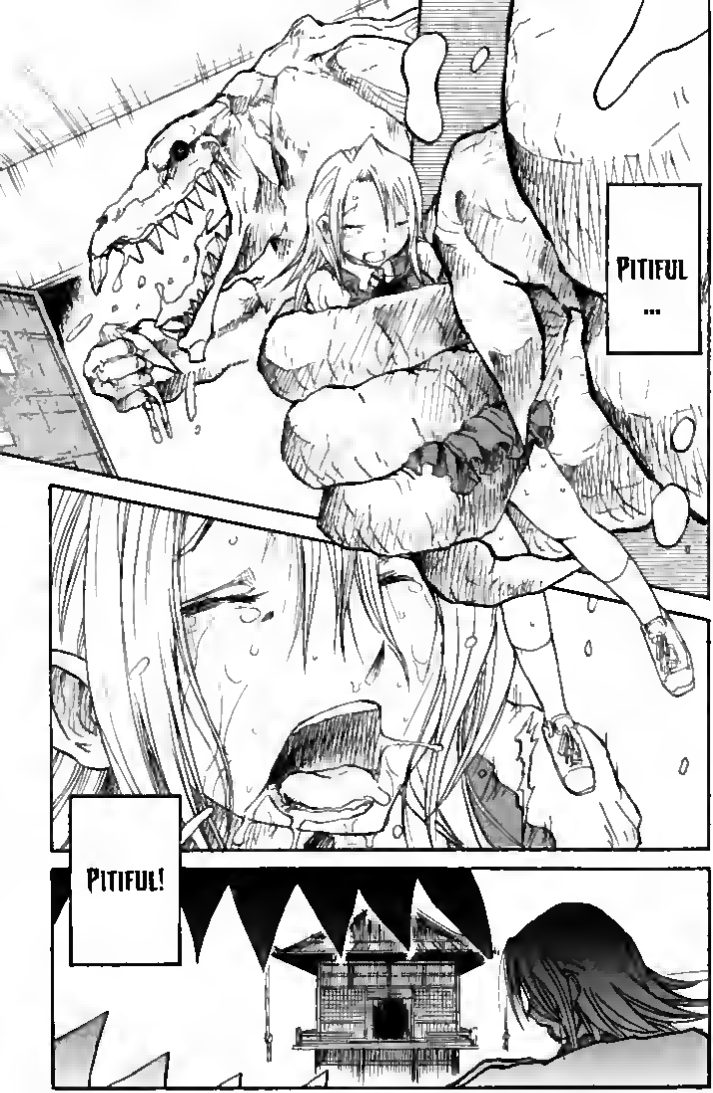


I am in a pitiful state...



Why, you might ask?

Maybe a curse...
Isn't this a dreadful thing...?
Ah...yeah...a curse...that's what it is.
That's what makes me so pitiful.
An evil hex, yeah, it's an evil hex!
HMM... CURSE.

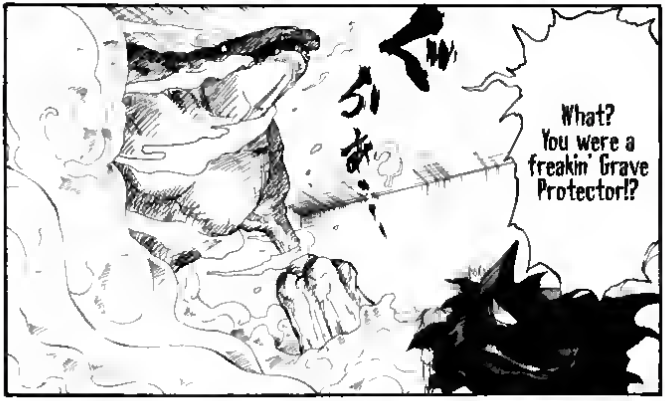

PITIFUL
...
PITIFUL!

To bear the burden of those monsters,
the Grave Protectors...

are in misery.

Shit...
What...
What are you...

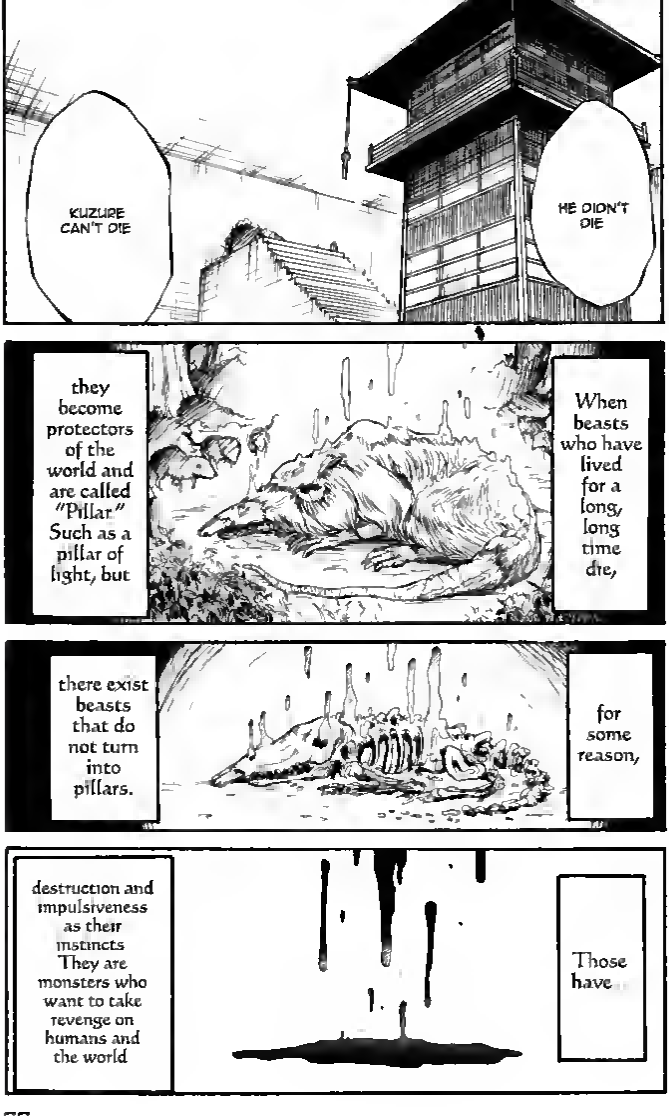
You...!


What? You were a freakin' Grave Protector!?

It's Tomitsuka Kei!!!

SFX BOOM
Tomoe... Tomoe!
TAKE IT EASY, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S HURT
On a quick glance, yeah, she doesn't look like she's hurt, but...
I'm telling you she's alright! Don't get distracted!

I hit him all the way over there!
If it's the monster, I beat him up already.
...
Hey, he disap-peared!
HE EITHER RAN AWAY, OR HE'S HIDING
THIS IS ANNOY-ING
OR HE COULD HAVE JUST DIED AND DISAP-PEARED.


KUZURE CAN'T DIE
HE DIDN'T DIE
When beasts who have lived for a long, long time die,
they become protectors of the world and are called "Pillar" Such as a pillar of light, but
for some reason,
there exist beasts that do not turn into pillars.
Those have
destruction and impulsiveness as their instincts They are monsters who want to take revenge on humans and the world

KUZURE.
A beast who has lost its form is a

So, to gain a new form,
humans
it attacks

A Kuzure that has thrown away its rotting body
is looking for a new body to replace it.

Following its impulses
Following its instincts.
Causing suffering
Enjoying it
Causing pain
Taking pleasure in it.

It makes a sound of bliss...
when it eats...
people.

TOMOE TOO..
IT'S MY FAULT SHE FOLLOWED ME IN THERE...
SHIT
...I LET THAT KIND OF THING GO OUTSIDE...
!!
Under-neath!
Jump!
Kei!

I heard you already!!!

I'M GONNA BE RIPPED TO PIECES-
Shi...
Cower and lose!
YOU'RE NEW TO BEING A GRAVE PROTECTOR, HUH, KID...

SFX WHACK
COUGH

Don't you under-estimate me!
?
THIS BANJIROU NEZUMI-SAMA HAS LIVED FOR 900 YEARS!

THIS KID...!
Tch...
THE GRAVE PROTECTOR'S WOUNDS HEAL INSTANTLY,
SO FIGHT TO YOUR FULLEST.
ENDURE THE PAIN.
IT'S A GOOD THING, ISN'T IT?

It isn't necessarily...
!?
good!
Shut up idiot!
My tooth was!?
Ahh... Owww!?
Ha.

A KUZURE THAT HAS TAKEN A BODY,
TO GRAVE PROTECTORS, THAT IS UNFORGIV-ABLE.
BY THE GRAVE PROTECTORS, YOU WILL BE BROKEN TO PIECES.
AT THE "GRAVE PROTECTORS" CEMETERY, YOU WILL SLEEP.
YOU WILL WAIT UNTIL THE TIME YOU ARE ABLE TO TURN INTO A "PILLAR."
YOUR BODY AND YOUR STRENGTH
IS ALSO FOR THAT PURPOSE GRAVE PROTECTOR
THAT'S...
MY BODY AND MY STRENGTH SERVE THAT PURPOSE HUH?
ミシッ!

Like I'm going in there!
Who's gonna sleep in a grave?!

YOU HAVE A SHITTY BODY WITH NO STRENGH!
CAN YOU EVEN CALL YOURSELF A MONSTER?

SFX GRAB
GUU...

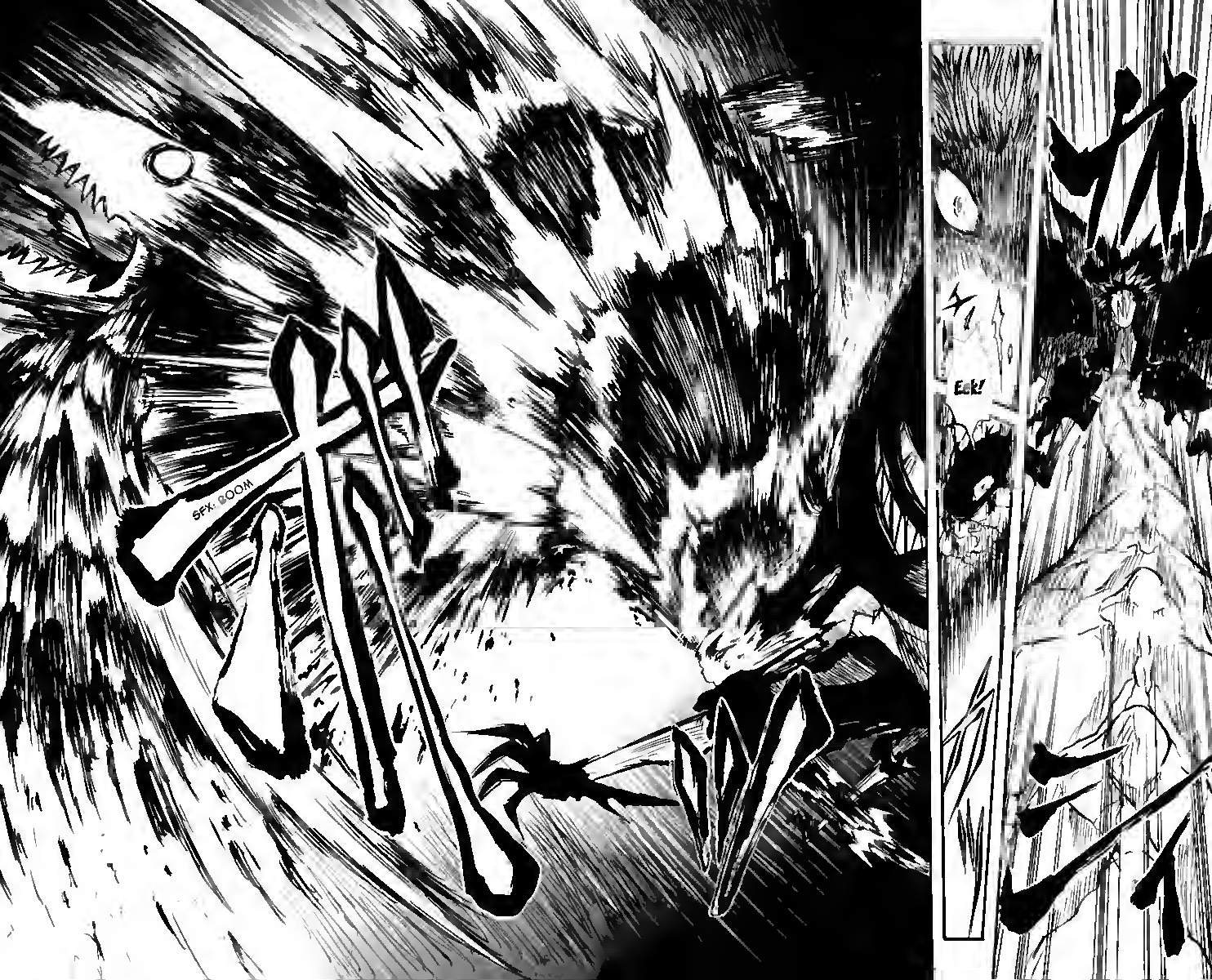
Yuki-
fusa!!!
Make sure
you don't
drop her,
ミシ・・・

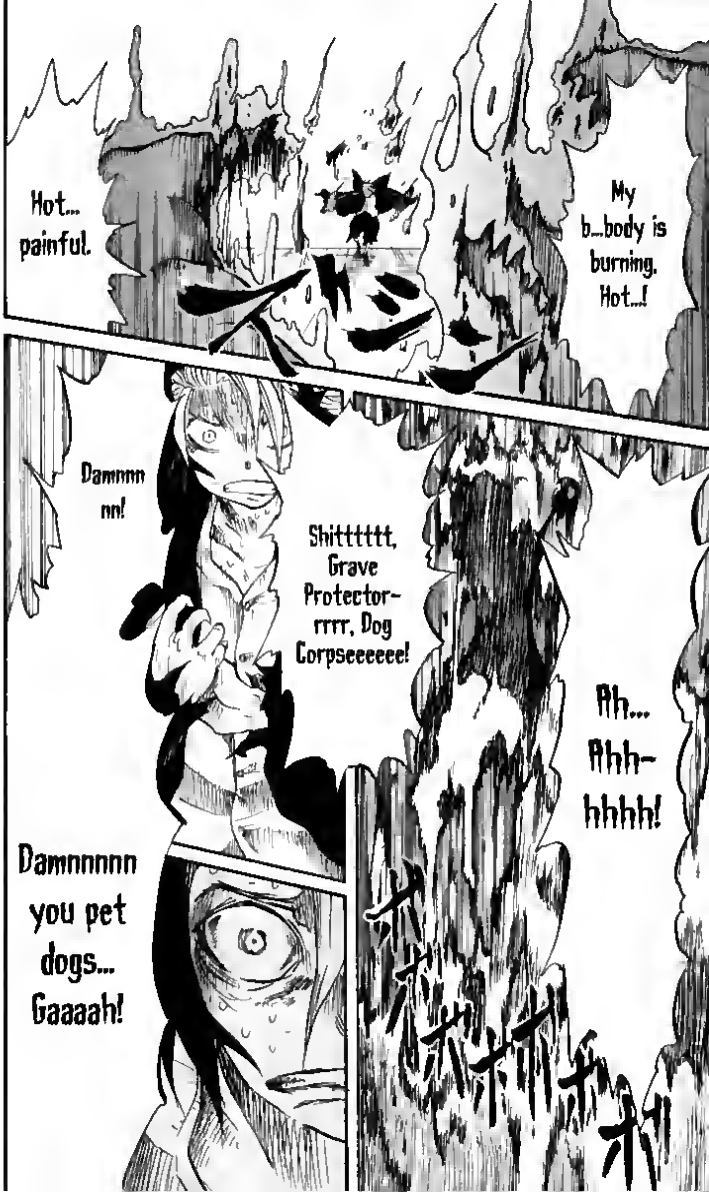
Gyaaaa!
Ahhhhh! Shit! Gaaaah!
My hand ...
What!?
...!?
OH...
YOU CAN USE THAT ALREADY, HUH...

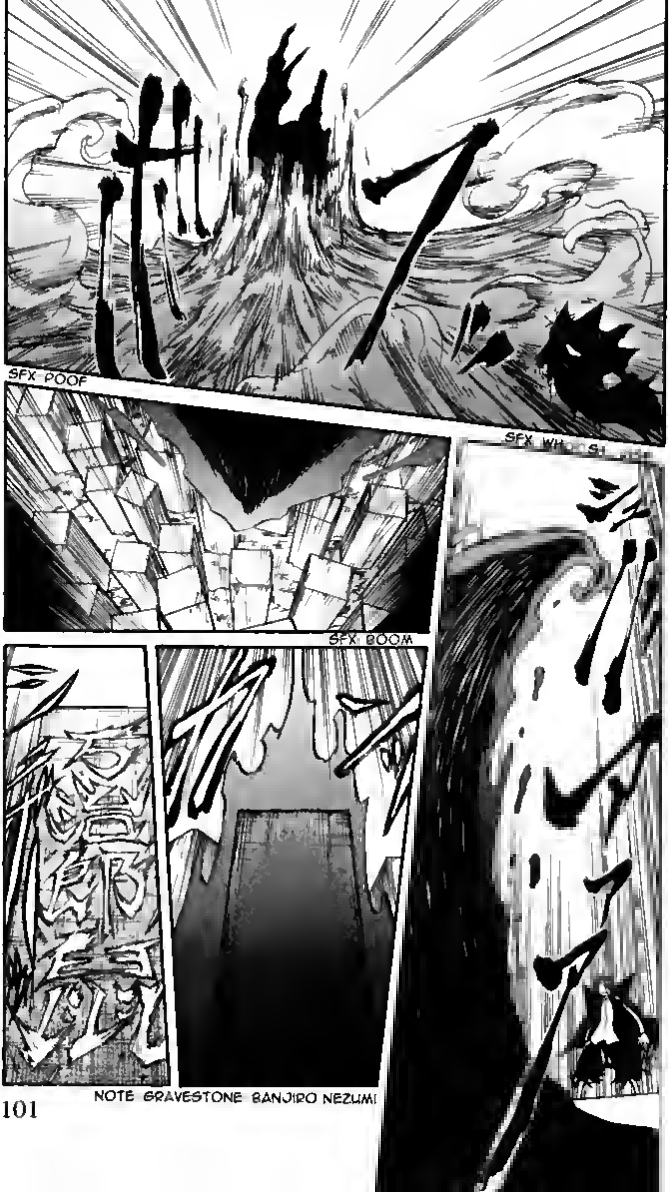
THE BLACK FLAMES OF DELIVERY.
A SKILL USED BY GRAVE PROTECTORS TO SEAL AND SEND KUZURE TO THE CEMETERY,
RIKUGOU.

Hyaaaaaa!
Shit!
Wh... Hey..
What should I do with this!?
Kei!
What are you doing!?
Chase him!
Don't let him get away!
Don't forgive him!

CRUSH HIM!
AS A BEAST TO A BEAST,
SHATTER HIM!
SLAUGH-TER HIM!


SFX: BOOM
Eek!


My b...body is burning. Hot...!
Hot... painful.
Ah... Ahh- hhhh!
Shitttttt, Grave Protector- rrrr, Dog Corpseeeeee!
Dammnn nn!
Damnnnnn you pet dogs... Gaaaah!

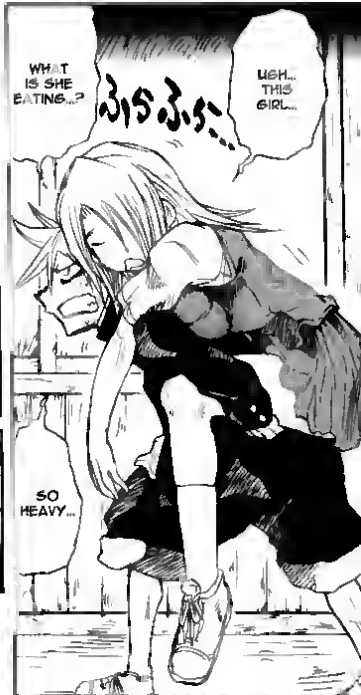

SFX POOF
SFX WH SH
SFX BOOM
NOTE GRAVESTONE BANJIRO NEZUMI

ONE DOWN... HUH?
HMM... I GUESS ONE DOWN
DID I DO IT?

NO NEED. THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO. IT'S PERSONAL
I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN HAVE MY STRENGTH...

I DON'T REALLY CARE, BUT...
AS LONG AS YOU DO YOUR WORK AS A GRAVE PROTECTOR AND SEND THE KUZURE TO THE GRAVESTONES,

I'LL DO IT, THE GRAVE PROTECTOR STUFF.
YEAH


WHAT IS SHE EATING...?
UGH... THIS GIRL...
SO HEAVY...

IT'S BETTER IF I JUST BE MYSELF...
WHEN I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GRAVE PROTE-CTOR,
THAT'S WHO I AM.
WELL, YEAH.
THAT'S ALSO A PART OF ME
HOWEVER, YOU UNDER-STAND THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER A HUMAN, BUT A GRAVE PROTECTOR, RIGHT?
I GUESS SO... YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT, YUKIFUSA.
MHM M...
HMM...
SO THAT'S WHO YOU ARE, HUH? TOMITSUKA KEI.

HOW COME YOU'RE CARRYING ME? SINCE WHEN?
Are you hurt!?
...Ah!? What happened to that giant thing?
Goaa!
AS IF I COULD EXPLAIN THAT...
...AN EX-PLA-NA-TION?
What?!
SO ANNOYING ..GET OFF ALREADY YOU'RE REALLY HEAVY
Ow!
What hap-pened!?
What's that!? Like that's possible!
...NOTHING, ANYWAY, SOMEHOW YOU SAVED ME

The misery and duty of fighting as a Grave Protector, well, that's one thing I completely regret about...

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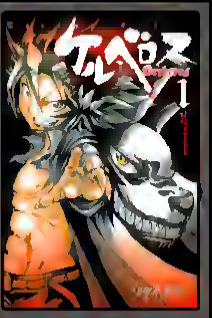

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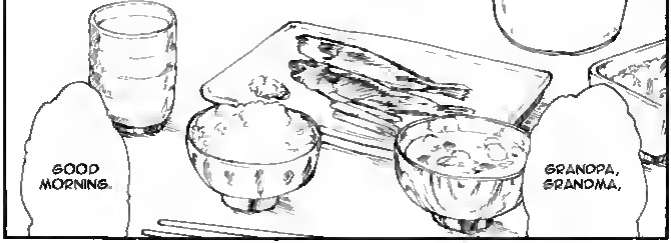
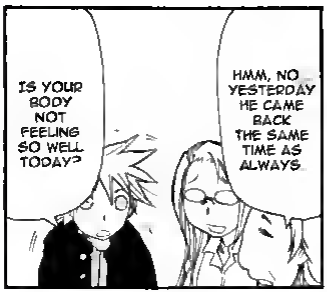
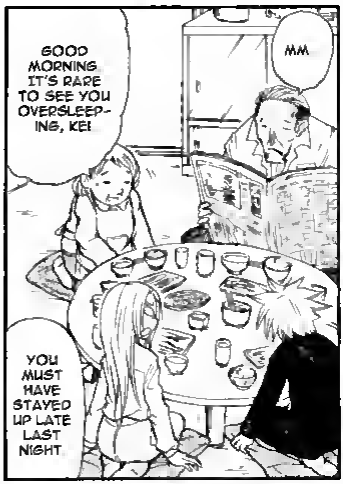
Hey-
SFX: BAM
Eh?
Ugh... Oh no...!
TAKE A LOOK AT THE CLOCK!
AH I'M LATE
HURRY UP AND GET READY
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU TO EAT.
WHAT'S WITH THOSE EYES
.....
Morning! You're going to be late, Kei!
Wha?!
Ow,
Stop it!
Stop! What is it Auntie?!

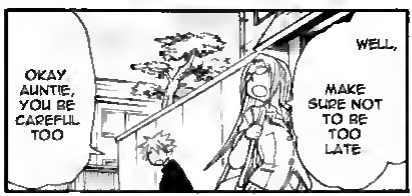
The Third Moment: Eating the Beasts

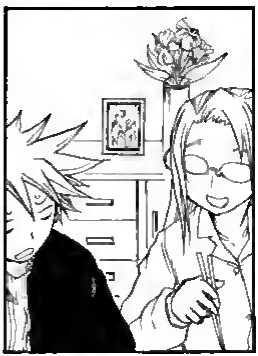

GOOD MORNING.
GRANDPA, GRANDMA,


IS YOUR BODY NOT FEELING SO WELL TODAY?
HMM, NO YESTERDAY HE CAME BACK THE SAME TIME AS ALWAYS


MM.
GOOD MORNING IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU OVERSLEEP-ING, KE!
YOU MUST HAVE STAYED UP LATE LAST NIGHT

NO,
IT'S NOT THAT! I FEEL JUST FINE!


WELL,
MAKE SURE NOT TO BE TOO LATE
OKAY AUNTIE, YOU BE CAREFUL TOO

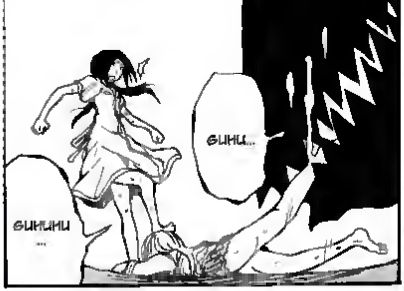


THAT'S PRETTY SHAMEFUL.
...
IF YOU HAVE ANY LEFTOVERS FROM YOUR BENTO, I'M GONNA BEAT YOU UP-!
I GET IT
BEING WOKEN UP BY SOMEONE IN THE MORNING...
THAT'S NOT THE SORT OF APPEARANCE THAT A GRAVE PROTECTOR SHOULD HAVE...KE!
You were being noisy until late last night. That's why I couldn't get a good night sleep, Yukifusa!
Talking on and on about how you'll teach me your experience and knowledge of being a Grave Protector in this world!
OH?

Ah!
SO BECAUSE YOU SLEPT LATE, YOU COULDN'T HELP WAKING UP LATE?
TO FIGHT MONSTERS, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME A BRAVE PROTECTOR.
FOR THIS GUY TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY..
See, that's why you're annoying!
I get it, so stop sticking your head out whenever you feel like it!
THAT KIND OF SPOILED WAY OF THINKING IN THE FUTURE, AS A BRAVE PROTECTOR..
AGH... STOP HITTING ME
IS SOMETHING I NEVER IMAGINED..
FOR HIM TO PUT ME IN HIS UNIFORM JUST LIKE THAT,
NO.. JUST PLEASE, IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE, CAN YOU NOT LET YOUR VOICE OUT?
HMPH, OKAY I GOT IT
IS SOMETHING WRONG, KEI?
IS THIS GUY REALLY GOING TO BE ALRIGHT..?
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE IS THINKING
NORMALLY HE ACTS LIKE AN ADULT,

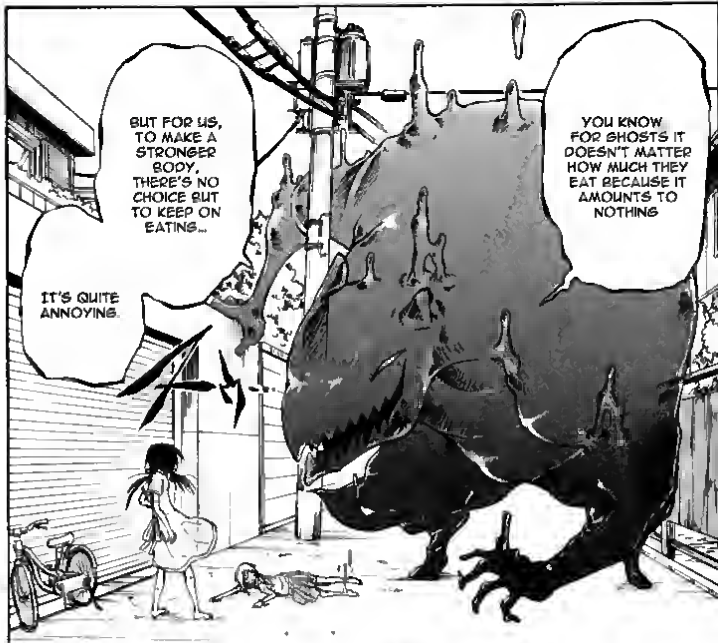
たたた…
SFX: STE STE STEP
Faster... Faster...! We have to hurry!
He's going to be catch us... We have to hide...!
CUTEEE
WERE YOU GIRLS PLANNING ON RUNNING AWAY FROM ME...?
!!

!?
THERE
Ah!
Ahh...
Ahhhhhhh! Onee-chan!
N... No...
Help, Onee-chan!
Ugh...
Let go... Let go! Let go I said!
I... Let go!

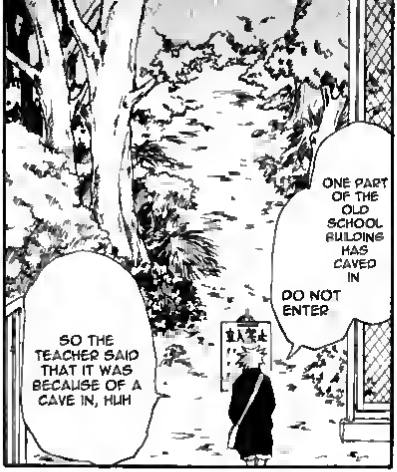

GUHU...
GUHUHU...

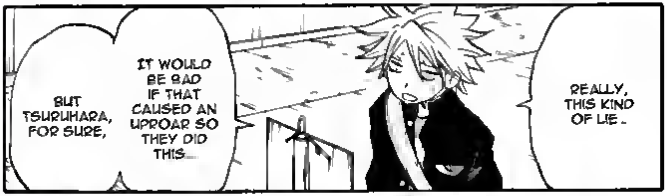
Wah... Waaaah!

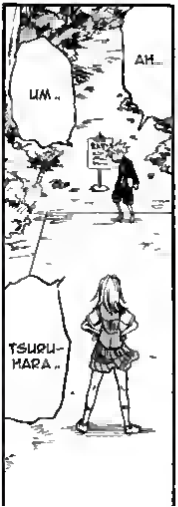
GUHU
WHAT A BAD SISTER...


BUT FOR US, TO MAKE A STRONGER BODY, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP ON EATING...
IT'S QUITE ANNOYING.
YOU KNOW FOR GHOSTS IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH THEY EAT BECAUSE IT AMOUNTS TO NOTHING

I LOVE EATING PEOPLE LIKE YOU
BLACK AND MUDDY SOULS ARE A DELICACY
IT'S ABOUT THE SAME AS SOULS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE
A SPECIAL ABILITY
WELL... THE TASTE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THOUGH
O... One-cha...?
Waaaah?!
Why... Why?! I'm sorry, I... Because of me... I ...I!
AFTER EATING THAT, SOMETHING SWEET AND LIGHT...
WOULD BE GOOD


ONE PART OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING HAS CAVED IN
DO NOT ENTER
SO THE TEACHER SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF A CAVE IN, HUH


REALLY, THIS KIND OF LIE..
IT WOULD BE BAD IF THAT CAUSED AN UPROAR SO THEY DID THIS...
BUT TSURUHARA, FOR SURE,


AH..
UM..
TSURU-HARA..

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TELL TEACHER THE TRUTH
ABOUT YESTERDAY?
THE HIDDEN PASSAGE,
THE BIG DOOR, THE GRAVE IN THE BASEMENT, AND THE MONSTERS-
WHY YOU LIE TO THEM?

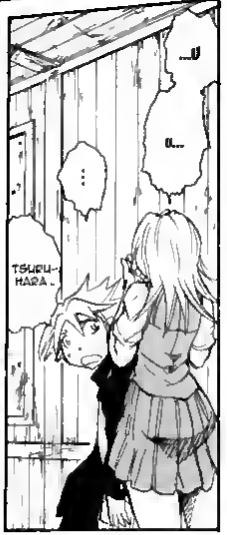
YOU WANT TO SEE THE RESULTS OF YOUR LIES?
AH
ダッ
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THAT PLACE NOW?
GO THERE AND CHECK WITH YOUR OWN EYES!
Eh?!
Wai...
Hey... Wait!
Wh...
AN .

What's with this metal gate?!
This wasn't here yesterday!
Beyond this is the hallway leading up to the hole in the wall...
Hey, what's with this?!
...?
...
Eh?!
What's the meaning of this?!
I...I also don't know anything about this gate.
Ah,
"...THIS GATE"?
"I ALSO..."?
Crap
CRAP!
Ah!!!

Look me in the eye and tell me what you're not hiding something from me!
Or else I'm going to hit you!
I don't know anything!
You're hiding something from me, after all!
Look here!

W...
W-
Why are you hiding it from me?!
You're...
I said I don't know! I don't know anything!!

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ALL MY FAULT...
THE REASON THE DOOR OPENED..

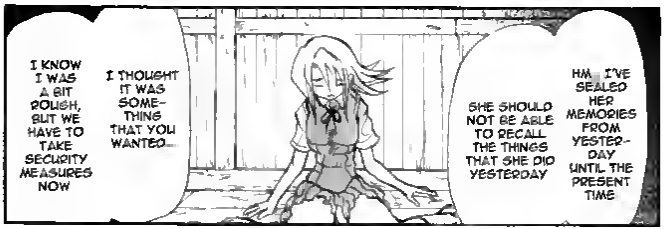

...u
u...
...
TSUBU-HARA..

YESTERDAY YOU SAID NOT TO COME...
YOU EVEN TOLD ME TO GO HOME...
I SELFISHLY FOLLOWED YOU...
AND THEN THE DOOR THAT HELD THE MONSTER IN...
THAT MONSTER THAT ATE HUMANS..
THAT KIND OF BEING... WAS LET OUTSIDE!
I was really scared!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT EVEN DIE
TOMITSUKA COULD BE TARGETED
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
LOOK AT ME, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG...
TOMITSUKA
THIS WAY..
BEYOND THIS
THE PATH OF STONES,
THE BIG DOOR,
THE GRAVES THAT WERE CLOSED
THIS CHILLING AIR...
I'VE CONFIRMED IT ALL WHEN I CAME HERE
BEYOND THIS PLACE.. THAT THING YESTERDAY WAS NOT A DREAM

Why do you say that nothing happened?!
Why do you have the need to hide things from me?!
What should I do...
Tomitsuka, what should I do?
I... DON'T LIKE THIS,
BECAUSE OF ME SOMEONE MIGHT GET EATEN FROM THAT MONSTER..
THAT KIND OF THING...
I DON'T WANT IT
TSURUHARA...

Yukifusa?!
Wh...?!
Stop! Stop it!
Stop it, hey!!!
I said stop it...!
What the hell are you doing, you bastard!
You don't know?!
You...
Ass-hole...

I thought you were going to eat her...!
IDIOT. CORPSE DOGS DON'T EAT THAT KIND OF THING.
JUST NOW WAS ONE OF THE CORPSE DOG'S ABILITIES,
"TOJONI." IT'S A SPELL THAT SEALS MEMORIES
SEALS MEMORIES?

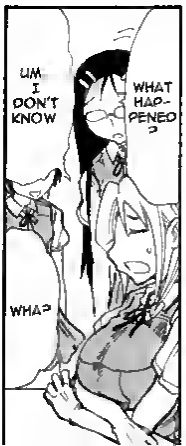

HM... I'VE SEALED HER MEMORIES FROM YESTERDAY UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME
SHE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECALL THE THINGS THAT SHE DID YESTERDAY
I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU WANTED...
I KNOW I WAS A BIT ROUGH, BUT WE HAVE TO TAKE SECURITY MEASURES NOW

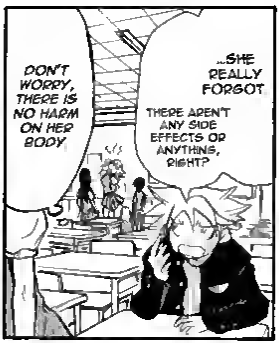
WAS... WAS I WRONG?
NO...
THANK YOU

IF TSURUHARA CAN RETURN TO HER NORMAL LIFE,
THEN IT'S FINE.
I DON'T WANT ANYONE WHO WOULD TRY TO STOP ME TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS ANYMORE.
CAUSING THEM TO WORRY AND
MAKING THEM SHIVER,
I DON'T WANT THEM TO SHOULDER THAT BURDEN.

I WILL FIGHT WITH ALL I'VE GOT
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYMORE CRYING FACES. I WON'T LET THEM DOWN THIS TIME!
I SEE. THEN OUT OF THE 8 KUZURE THAT RAN AWAY THERE ARE 7 LEFT
CAN YOU DEFEAT THEM?
I CAN, DEFI-NITELY

SOMEHOW, I'VE BEEN OUT OF IT TODAY
WHEN I REALIZED IT, I WAS STANDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS


WHAT HAP-PENED?
UM... I DON'T KNOW
WHA?


...SHE REALLY FORGOT
THERE AREN'T ANY SIDE EFFECTS OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY, THERE IS NO HARM ON HER BODY

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Oh?!
No-thing!

HEY... WHAT'S UP NAKAYA...
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED?
I NEVER TALKED TO YOU BEFORE.
YOU'RE TOMOE-CHAN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, SO I WAS THINKING, WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD YOU BE...
NOPE, THANKS FOR YESTERDAY.
AH.. NO PROBLEM, ALL I DID WAS CARRY SOME THINGS.
YEAH... BUT....
BUT YOU ARE REALLY KIND,
AND I AM GLAD
SO...

What?! What happe-ned?!
ゴシゴシ
N..NO-NOTH-ING..
UM... UM... SO..
I WANTED TO BECOME BETTER FRIENDS WITH TOMITSUKA-KUN TOO..
O..OK AY, YEAH, SURE
OKAY! SEE YOU LATER!
LET'S TALK AGAIN!
AH I WAS SUR-PRISED
KE!..THAT SMALL GIRL, WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS SHE?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON..
I DON'T REALLY KNOW
HUH?
BE WARY
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN..?

SOME-TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
SHE WILL BE TAR-GETED BY A KUZURE FOR SURE.
WELL THEN I'VE EATEN QUITE A LOT I SHOULD BE BACK TO MY REAL SELF SOON
IS THERE A HUMAN THAT I CAN EAT AND QUICKLY CREATE MY BODY?
Ah this small one... Yes...
Looks delicious...

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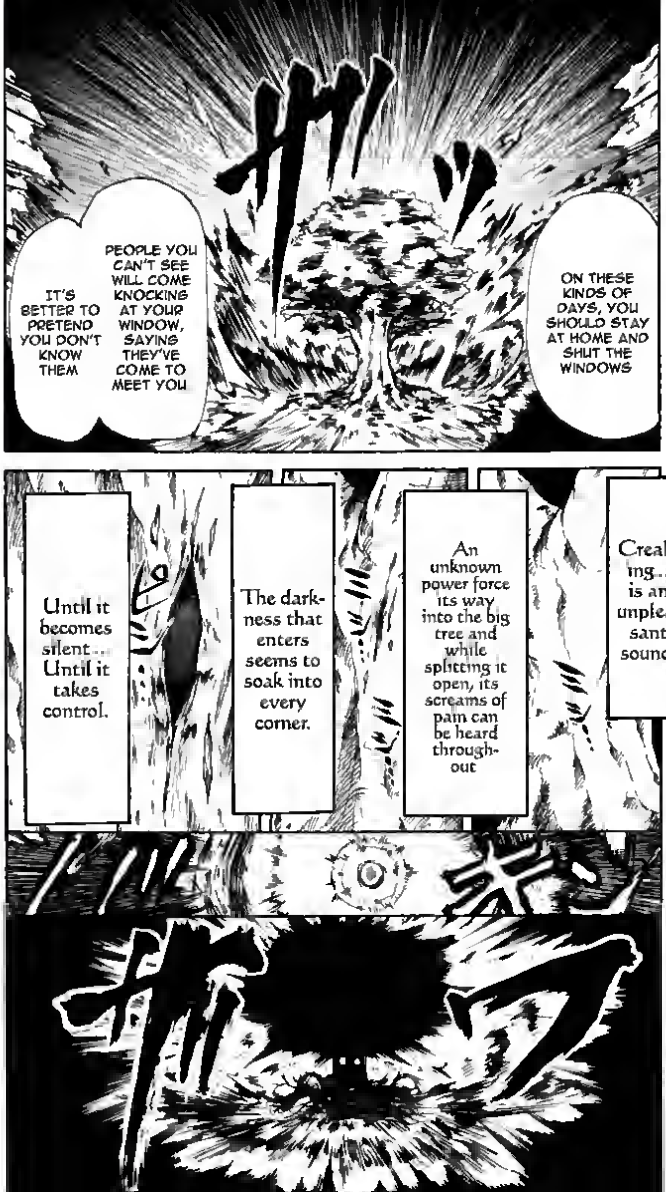
WAAH... IT GOT CLOUDY
THOSE BLACK CLOUDS ARE HUGE...
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA RAIN...
ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT GOING TO RAIN, THE SOONER YOU GO HOME, THE BETTER.
TODAY, EVEN MY STORE IS CLOSED
WELL... DO YOU HEAR THAT ON TOP OF THE WIND?
COMING FROM THE MOUN-TAINS.
IT'S NOT GOING TO RAIN, IT'S JUST CLOUDY
REALLY? OBA-CHAN?
THE WIND IS REALLY STRONG TOO
EH? WHY'S THAT?
THE CRIES OF THE TREES...
AND THE CREAKING SOUNDS OF THE BIG TREE


ON THESE KINDS OF DAYS, YOU SHOULD STAY AT HOME AND SHUT THE WINDOWS
PEOPLE YOU CAN'T SEE WILL COME KNOCKING AT YOUR WINDOW, SAYING THEY'VE COME TO MEET YOU
IT'S BETTER TO PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW THEM
Creaking... is an unpleasant sound
An unknown power force its way into the big tree and while splitting it open, its screams of pain can be heard throughout
The darkness that enters seems to soak into every corner.
Until it becomes silent... Until it takes control.

The Fourth Moment: Planning and Plotting

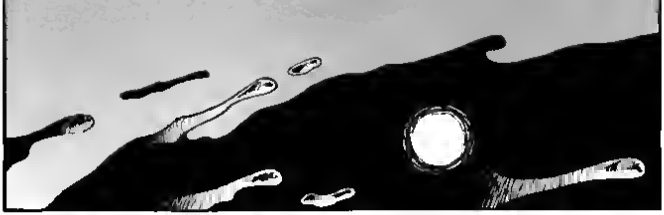
SFX WOOOOOOOOO

H-HEY WHAT WAS WITH THAT CRAZY SOUND JUST NOW...
HMM...? WHAT SOUND?
HAHA, KEI, YOU'RE JUST HALF-ASLEEP, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD SLEEP A BIT MORE

NOBODY HEARD THAT JUST NOW?
NO, EVEN IF THEY DID HEAR IT, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T THINK THAT IT WAS STRANGE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE,

BUT I GUESS THAT'S NORMAL.
TO NOTICE THE UNUSUAL ONLY APPLIES TO THOSE THAT ARE UNUSUAL.

SOUND?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING
JUST NOW, THAT SOUND... IT WAS SCARY
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YUWA?
.....?
.....!!
A CRAZY SOUND
IT WAS KIND OF LIKE THE WIND... WAS HOWLING
TOMOE DOESN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE BUILDING
ONE PART OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING COLLAPSED. IS THAT WHAT'S MAKING THIS SOUND?
YOU MEAN WHEN TOMITSUKA AND I WENT TO MEET YOU?
I HEARD IT YESTERDAY TOO, WHEN I WAS GOING WITH THE TEACHER BEHIND THE MOUNTAINS...
HUH?
YEAH...
YUWA, DID YOU SEE ANYTHING?
YEAH... BUT IT SEEMED LIKE THE TEACHER DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING.



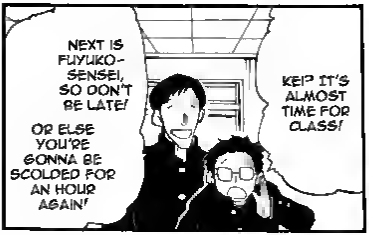
A GHOST?
MAYBE..

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, FROM TIME TO TIME TOMITSUKA-KUN ALSO SAYS THAT HE HEARS NOISES TOO
THAT GUY PROBABLY JUST HAS A RINGING IN HIS EARS OR SOMETHING
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT..
I DON'T KNOW... TOMOE-CHAN

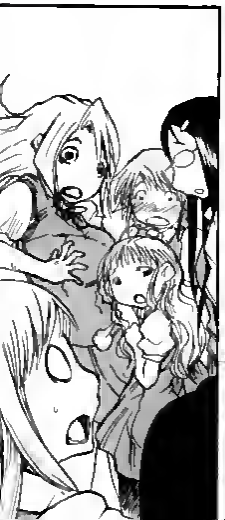
A GHOST?
I DON'T KNOW
IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES THAT YOU USUALLY SEE?

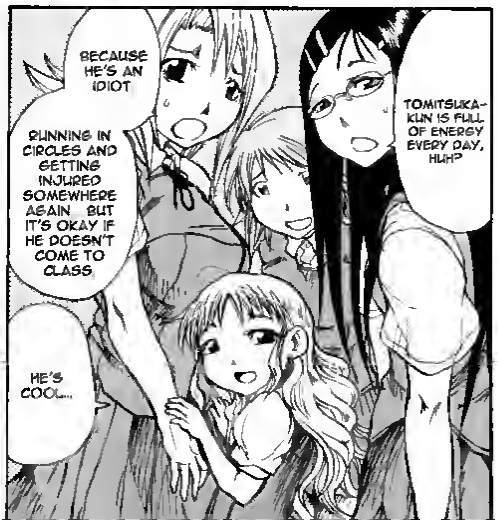
IT WAS BIG AND BLACK...
AND A SCARY MONSTER
YEAH... I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS ONE BEFORE

KANAYA HAS SEEN THE KUZURE?!
One of the 7 Kuzure that escaped from the cemetery?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT.. SHE NOTICED THE KUZURE'S VOICE
IT'S PRETTY BIG THAT SHE DID, FOR A KUZURE THAT DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A BODY YET


KE!? IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CLASS!
NEXT IS FUYUKO-SENSEI, SO DON'T BE LATE!
OR ELSE YOU'RE GONNA BE SCOLDED FOR AN HOUR AGAIN!

HUH?
Shit.




TOMITSUKA-KUN IS FULL OF ENERGY EVERY DAY, HUH?
BECAUSE HE'S AN IDIOT
RUNNING IN CIRCLES AND GETTING INJURED SOMEWHERE AGAIN. BUT IT'S OKAY IF HE DOESN'T COME TO CLASS
HE'S COOL...

I'M SAYING,
AS A GRAVE PROTECTOR, WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING? I WANT TO PROTECT KANAYA.
SO JUST PROTECT HER.
...ABOUT WHAT?
SO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
You asshole, that's it?!
Don't you have some kind of instructions or advice?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I TOLD YOU THAT SHE WAS BEING TARGETED AND TO KEEP WATCH.
YOU WANT ME TO SPOIL YOU EVEN MORE?
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TRIED TO SEARCH FOR ANY SIGNS OF THE KUZURE.
IF YOU DON'T START TO EVOLVE AS A GRAVE PROTECTOR SOON, IT WILL BE TROUBLE-SOME. DIDN'T YOU ALREADY DECIDE THAT YOU WOULD FIGHT AS ONE?
IF YOUR JUDGMENT MEANS TO DEPEND ON OTHERS, YOU ARE MISLED AND WILL ONLY GROW TO BE LAZY!
IN THE MIDST OF THIS LAZINESS, DON'T EVER HOPE TO EVOLVE!
GROW UP! YOU ARE A GRAVE PROTECTOR! DEAL WITH IT!

ME LENDING MY POWERS TO YOU DOES NOT MEAN THAT I WILL SPOIL YOU.
...
IF THERE IS NO HOPE FOR YUWA, AND SHE'S ABOUT TO GET EATEN—
THUS
HM M?
HEY! HEY!
STOP CRAMMING ME IN!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING SPOILED BY YOU!
HEH.
IF I'M GOING TO DO IT, I'LL DO IT MY WAY.

I see potential in you...
In the battle before, even without me teaching you, you were able to use Rikugou and send the Kuzure to the grave...

I have...
...high expectations from you.

OH? WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
I'm not telling to someone like you! It's a secret plan.
HMPH..

.....
FINALLY, SCHOOL IS OVER
そお…
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO THE KUZURE TARGETS,
IF IT SHOWS ITS FORM BEFORE IT CAN ATTACK KANAYA,
I'LL SEND IT TO THE GRAVE
"FOR THE WHOLE DAY DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF HER."
IT'S THAT TYPE OF PLAN HUH?
What?? How did you know??
I CAN TELL BY JUST WATCHING... ANYONE CAN
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DISTINGUISH A "SIGN" FROM A KUZURE SO...
..I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THIS
THAT WAY KANAYA WON'T BE WORRIED AND TSURUHARA
AND THE OTHERS WON'T NOTICE ANYTHING...
IF I FIGHT IN A PLACE WHERE I WON'T BE SEEN, I WON'T BE EXPOSED AS A GRAVE PROTECTOR EITHER

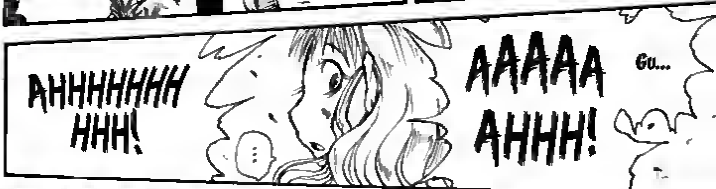
I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH TOMITSUKA-KUN TODAY?
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN TAILING US FOR A WHILE.
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT IS HE PLANNING THIS TIME? ARGH...
SOME-HOW, I CAN'T CALM DOWN..
TOMOE, GO ASK HIM
EH?! NO...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOME-THING LIKE THIS HAS
OH? IT'S TOMITSUKA-KUN
!!
IS YOUR HOUSE THIS WAY TOO?
Ahh?!
Have I been exposed?!

The wind...!
Kya!
!?
ゴオオオ
Ki...
What was that, just now?
?
EH..? WHERE DID THOSE GUYS GO?
!!

Hold on!
H... Hey!
TOMITSUKA-KUN...
KANAYA...
It's dangerous if you're alone!
Please wait!
Does she think I'm a weirdo or something?
KANAYA.. STAY BACK
I REALLY WANT TO EXPLAIN EVERY-THING, BUT...
Ah... Ah...
I DON'T REALLY HAVE THE LUXURY TO.
Kyaaa!
!?

Haha!
U...gh...
!!!
Ka...
naya
....?
?
...?
Cough
Kei?!
Kei!!!

U...
Urk...
...HUH?
YOU DODGED ?
Gu...
THAT'S ODD,
YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO MOVE WELL.
ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAD A BODY...
I'M HUNGRY AS WELL...
Cough


AHHHHHHHHHH!
AAAAA AHHH!
Gu...

Ack!
I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PERSON...
IS THE GRAVE PROTECTOR THAT SEND THAT IDIOT BANJIRO NEZUMI TO ITS EARLY GRAVE
BUT FROM WHAT I SEE.. YOU'RE AN IDIOT!

Gu...
OH... IT'S ALREADY STARTED TO HEAL.
SHARING THE SAME WORLD AS GRAVE PROTECTORS IS A PAIN...
KANA ...YA...
YOU... ARE...
Argh!
...TOO BAD YOU'VE BEEN PLAYED, KEI.
Ue...
COUGH.
THAT...
IS A FAKE...
Hyahya hya!
The face of a kid that's been fooled...
Ahhh, it feels good!

MAYBE I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO USE A DECOY.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BE A NUISANCE AND WOULD STOP ME FROM EATING THAT GIRL, BUT...
Heh!
After all...
Kids are no match for this Hyakudai Tanuki!
Where is she?!
The real Kanaga,
Ku...
Bas-tard...

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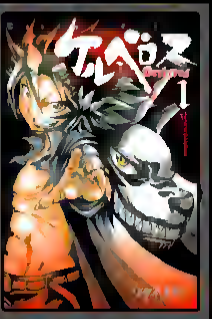

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THE FIFTH MOMENT- LIVING IN THE FOREST
HEY.. HEY!
UHM... COULD HE REALLY BE IN HERE...?
TOMITSUKA-KUN, WOULD HE COME THROUGH THIS KIND OF PLACE?
HE'S HERE...I S..W HIM. HE WENT INSIDE THE FOREST.
HE'S PROB-ABLY JUST DEEPER INSIDE...

The Fifth Moment: Living in the Forest

Hyahyahya. The girl that you thought of trying to save...
Is now perfectly being deceived under my spell!
...Tch,
You bastard ...
With my roots, I created some fake decoys. hyahya hya.

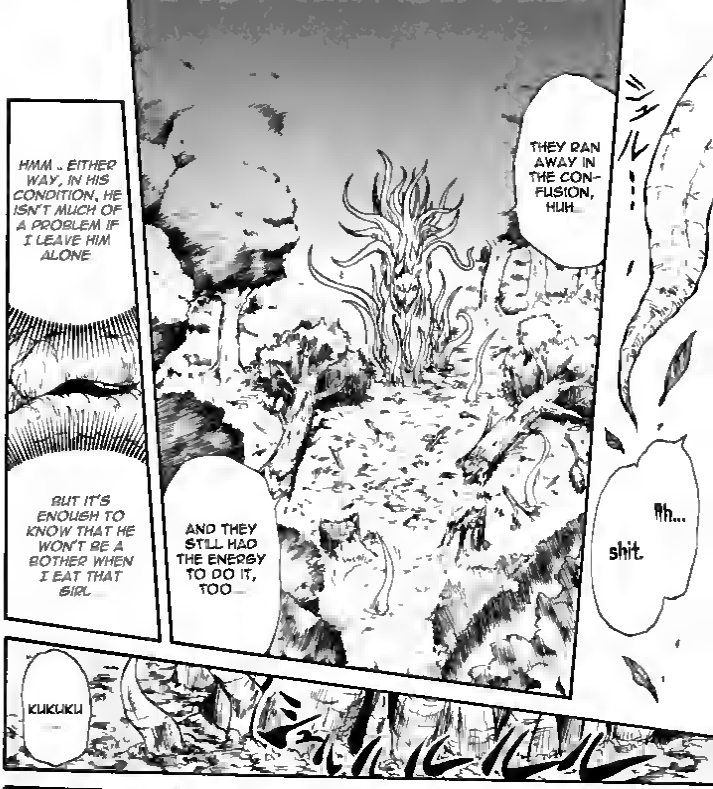
Don't stand up yet, Kei. Even if it is for one second, rest.
Haaa... haa...
I have to... save Kanaya.
Ugh...
..cough.
This wound... It's serious!
If you force yourself to move, you'll slow the healing! Grave Protectors bodies' are not invincible, you know!
Hmph.
Ugh...
Ko.
Kei!

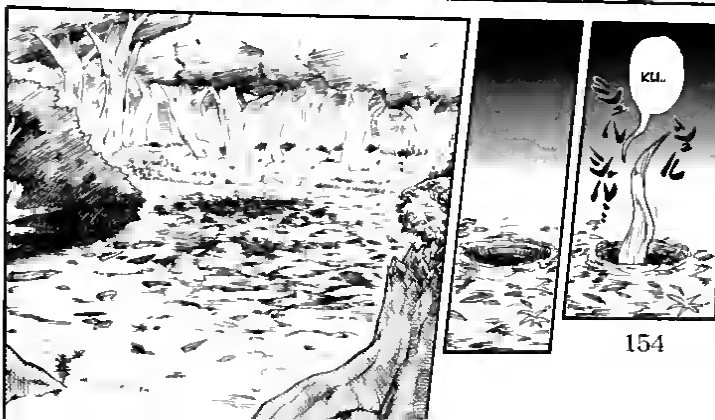
Just standing is costing you all of your strength, right?
Even if you have the strength of a Grave Protector, kids are just kids.
Using this magic, I was once the head of all the Tanuki* across the mountains.
To get involved with this Hyakudai Tanuki, you got yourself into a mess.
hya hya...
Your babbling, is annoying...
Then perhaps I should stop talking!
Oh really?
This time I won't miss... Die, Grave Protector!!!

T/n: His name, Hyakudai Tanuki, suggests that before he became a Kuzure he was a raccoon. Tanuki=raccoon

Oh?!
Wh...
Shut up and stay quiet.
What are you~
THE TREE ? WHAT'S THIS?

Hmm...?
Ugh, this in the way!
You bastards! Where are you?!
Come out! Where are you guys?!
Shit... using a trick?!
Underestimating me...


THEY RAN AWAY IN THE CONFUSION, HUH...
ミル!!
Ah... shit.
HMM.. EITHER WAY, IN HIS CONDITION, HE ISN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM IF I LEAVE HIM ALONE
AND THEY STILL HAD THE ENERGY TO DO IT, TOO...
BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT HE WON'T BE A BOTHER WHEN I EAT THAT GIRL
KUKUKU...
ミルルルルルル


KU..
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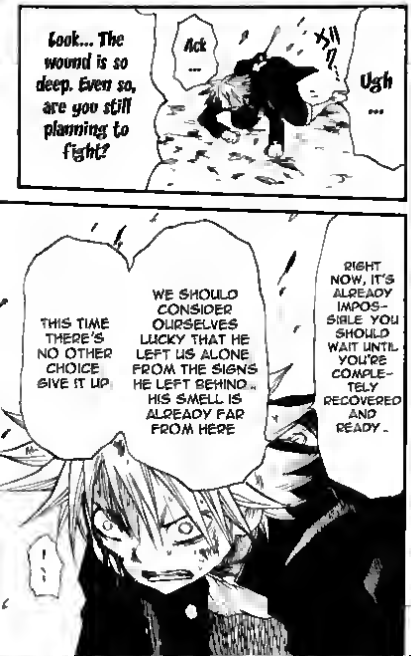
UGH...
HAUPH...
YO...


Look... The wound is so deep. Even so, are you still planning to fight?
Ack ...
Ugh ...
THIS TIME THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE GIVE IT UP.
WE SHOULD CONSIDER OURSELVES LUCKY THAT HE LEFT US ALONE FROM THE SIGNS HE LEFT BEHIND... HIS SMELL IS ALREADY FAR FROM HERE
RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALREADY IMPOSSIBLE YOU SHOULD WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE COMPLETELY RECOVERED AND READY.
!!
If it weren't for me, you and I both would have died!
He got away because of you!

I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR "DEATH."
YEAH. ANY MORE THAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE. THIS IS THE END.
...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT KANAYA?
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD BET YOUR LIFE WITH, RIGHT?
IT IS A BIT SAD, BUT IT'S NOT AS IF THE TWO OF YOU WERE CLOSE.
IF YOU WERE TO DIE ON ME. I WOULD BE TROUBLED.
I CAN'T PERMIT YOU TO GO AND RESCUE HER.
...YUKI-FUSA... I'M BEGGING YOU!
YOU TALKED ABOUT THE SIGNS THAT GUY LEFT... WASN'T IT HIS SMELL?
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO TRACK HIM, PLEASE, LET ME GO.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE GOING TO YOUR DEATH...
THIS IS TROUBLING...
SINCE YOU'RE A GRAVE PROTECTOR, WE'LL HAVE TO LIVE TOGETHER, EVEN AFTER THIS.
PLEASE... LET ME GO, KANAYA IS IN DANGER RIGHT NOW.
DON'T LISTEN TO HER CRIES, JUST LET IT GO.
...IS THAT SO.

I'm...
not going to ask again!
...Kei!?
Urgh ...
!?
...
The blood just stopped recently!
What are you doing?! If you lose any more blood, you're going to die!
Yukifusa,
Let's negotiate... Either we're going to go help Kamaya, or I'll kill myself right now.
Which do you choose?!

What...?
It's okay if you don't get it...
because it's illogical to go save her...
Argh!!!
But when I have to do things, and I'm not able to for some reason...
I'd rather die!!!
...
You idiot!
Stop, you are seriously going to die!
HELP ME SAVE HER!
IF YOU DON'T, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS
I...
Fine! I get it! I'll teach you, so stop!
GRIT
ARE... ARE YOU SERIOUS? I HOPE YOU ARE NOT LYING TO ME, RIGHT?
What?! I don't tell lies!

PHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE... IF IT'S THIS IDIOT, THEN HE WOULD HAVE, FOR SURE...
YUKI-FUSA...
IF I DIDN'T STOP HIM, WE WOULD HAVE DIED... I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THIS KIND OF THREAT WOULD WORK...
WHAT?
YOU...HAVE A LOUSY LOOK IN YOUR EYES...
よろ...
HEH...I'M AN UNLUCKY BASTARD...
KU...
...
AAAHH... SERI-OUSLY...
THIS IS THE PATH, BUT...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE STILL NOT ON GOOD TERMS...
?
IF WE'RE GONNA GO, LETS HURRY
SHOW ME THAT YOU CAN SAVE HER
SURE...
JUST WATCH

Today, everything... is going well...
I'm clever, don't you think?
Ah... Ahhh...
N... fufu...
Nfufufuf

Ugh u...
...
Hmm? There, how's that?
Won't you say something?
Ahhhhh-hhh!
Eeeek!
Eek!
Ah!
Hmmm, you're pretty dim-witted.
E
...E...
!?
Eat?!
Then I'll be able to eat more and more.
From now on, I'll reel in people with more of my decoys, just like this.
Hyahya!
...

EH?
PEOPLE ALSO EAT OUR KIND AS WELL,
SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS, RIGHT?
Eek!
HYA HYA!
YEP, THAT'S RIGHT. OUR KIND EATS PEOPLE
FOR A LONG TIME... I WAS ALONE.
I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ESCAPED THEM.
THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD EAT OUR MEAT AND SELL OUR SKIN...
MY PARENTS, MY BROTHERS, AND MY FRIENDS GOT CAUGHT IN SOME TRAPS AND WERE HUNTED DOWN
IN THE PAST, IN THESE MOUNTAINS,
...

Kamaya ...
AND TRY TO HELP HIM RECOVER...
I SHOULD TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE...
Haa.... Ha...

What are you saying?
Is that even related?
EH?
...
You...
YOUR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND EVERYONE ...
TO BE LEFT ALONE LIKE THAT MUST BE...
LONELY ..
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SAD AND TOUGH
you all are just big idiots!
My parents, brothers, friends, and everyone, even you and that little brat...
Ah!
I would just think of myself as an idiot!
If I was caught in something like a trap,

...that little brat, you mean Tomitsu-ka-kun?!
Ugh, that little midget brat.
!?
Kill... Eh?!
Uhyahya, that's a good face!
It's time to eat.
Eh?! Eh?!
And I killed him.
He got close to my decoy...
HEY, KE!

I GOT IT.
I WON'T LOSE
FOR SURE.

...
Tomitsuka-kun...?!

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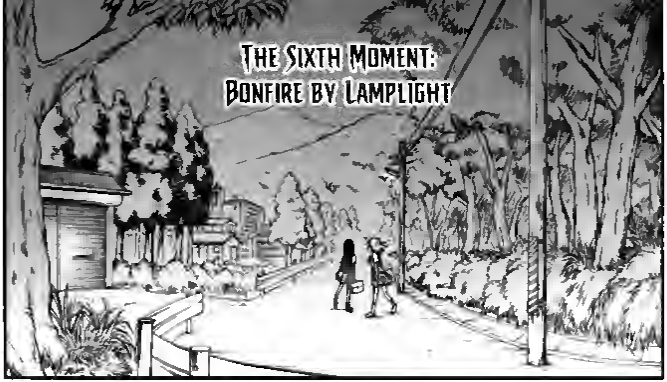
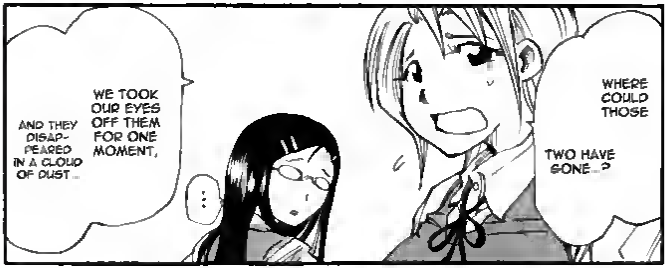

The Sixth Moment:
Bonfire by Lamplight


WHERE COULD THOSE TWO HAVE GONE...?
WE TOOK OUR EYES OFF THEM FOR ONE MOMENT,
AND THEY DISAP-PEARED IN A CLOUD OF DUST...
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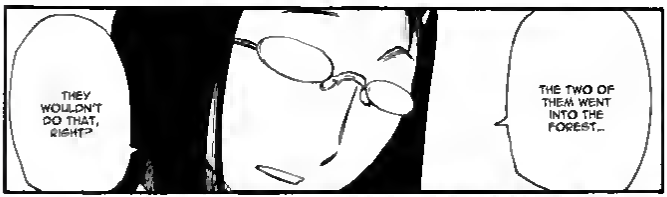
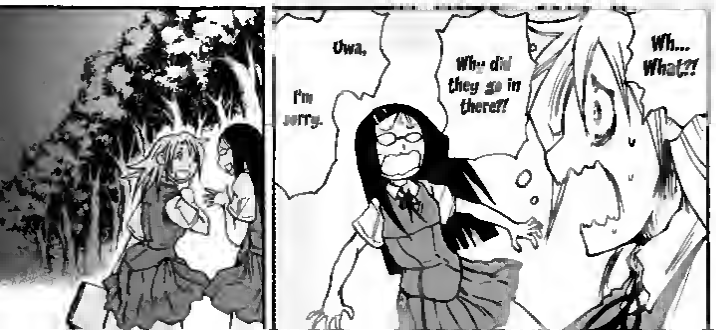

THE TWO OF THEM WENT INTO THE FOREST...
THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT, RIGHT?


Wh... What?!
Why did they go in there?!
Owa, I'm sorry.

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You bastard! Why are you here?!
Why have you come?!
...

Wah
!?
SFX: Slice
Nuu....
To beat you to a pulp,
And to save Kanaya.
It's obvious!
ふふ…
…

...
...KA-NAYA,
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU CAN'T TELL WHICH ONE OF US IS THE REAL MONSTER,
...
BUT IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT.
TOMITSUKA-KUN...
WE'RE GOING, YUKIFUSA.
YEAH.
IN THE END, TO COME ACROSS THIS KIND OF TROUBLE, AND FOR ME TO BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE LIKE THAT... WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING? IDIOT!
TOMIT-SUKA-KUN...

UW AA AA A!
SO GLAD...
I'M SO GLAD THAT TOMITSUKA-KUN IS STILL ALIVE...
HEY, TANUKI...
They were trying to get revenge on me!
They must have wanted reve-nge!
Hmm, that guy that I killed just now, and those guys that were running from me...

SFX. boom
and to to put up one last fight...
kuu
He was prepared to die.
NOT THIS GUY.
I WAS THE ONE WHO RAN AWAY...
…!?

Your wounds have already completely healed?!
What?!
Nu...oh! How can you still move like this?!
Even if I break, hold me tighter; if I bend, support me;
and if I'm ripped apart, heal me! Let me fight until the very end!
Stablize my stomach, my feet, and my punches!
Yukifusa, control me with more accuracy!
Uuu....
Nu....
It's changing color...?!
From that dog corpse's fur...

Gu...
You!
フラン
…
…
Don't under-estimate me!
Uoooooo oooo?!

I have no chances to attack—
I'm being forced into defending!
Shit!
The spirit of this brat... Ignoring the health of his own body! His attack is so reckless!
I NEED TO BE SURE THAT THE RIKUGOU WILL CONNECT BEFORE KEI'S BODY IS COMPLETELY BROKEN...
IT COMES DOWN TO FINDING THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!
RIGHT NOW, WITH HIS BODY FULL OF WOUNDS, WE ONLY HAVE ENOUGH FIRE POWER TO USE RIKUGOU ONCE!
RIKUGOU, THE FLAME THAT BURNS THE KUZUHE, COMES FROM THE GRAVE PROTECTOR'S LIFE.
That's it!
Attack the insides!
My... stomach ...!
Raaaa!
Ah!

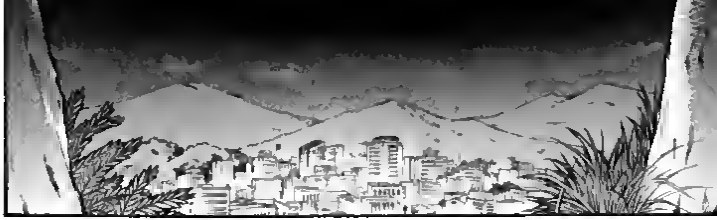
I won't eat anymore humans!
From now on I'll just eat mulberries and acorns!
Please make him stop! I won't do bad things anymore! Please forgive me!
Hey, girl!
Please help me!
Wh... ?!
!!
P... Please stop it...
Who do you think you're talking to?!
You ass-hole!
This girl,
Ugh!
Truly is an idiot!

!?
kill that little brat!
This time I'll definitely
If I eat you, I'll regain my power!
Ku...
Ah...
Aaaa...
Ke...
Kei!
Run!

Gyaaa aaaaa aaaaa aaa!
Rikugou!
To-mit-suka kun!
Hmmmmm...?
ブスブス…
Hm...?
A..... huh?
ブヒーッ!!

AFTER TRAMPLING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S FORGIVENESS, THIS IS YOUR OWN FAULT.
YOUR ROTTING INSIDES...I HAVE BURNED THEM!
THESE PEOPLE HAD TO BE EATEN FOR HIM TO BUILD UP HIS BODY.
WAA!
YOU DECEIVE OTHERS TO HURT THEM.
YOU SEE KINDNESS AS SOMETHING THAT IS TO BE EATEN.
THE KUZURE HAS FALLEN, SO THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED.
THE DEAD WHO HOLD ONTO A DEEP DARKNESS
WILL BE THE ONES WHO ASSIMILATE WITH THE KAZURE.
TOGETHER THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE GRAVE.
I CAN'T FIND A SINGLE REASON TO FORGIVE YOU.

SIX MORE LEFT...
ANYWAY,
HOW SO? YOUR ENTIRE BODY WAS ALMOST EATEN... YOU SHOULD BE IN A LOT OF PAIN RIGHT NOW...
JUST SIX, HUH?
THIS SHOULD BE EASY.
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THIS GIRL AT LEAST KNEW SOME-THING.
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN;
TO THOSE TARGETED, IT IS NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE ONCE.
TOMI-TSUKA-KUN,
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
KEI, DON'T MAKE ME LOOK WEIRD!
I DON'T BITE!
DOES IT BITE?
...A FLAT DOG?
HURRY UP, AND EXPLAIN THE SITUA-TION TO HER!



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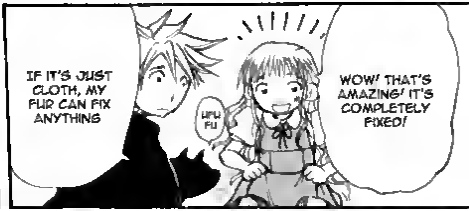
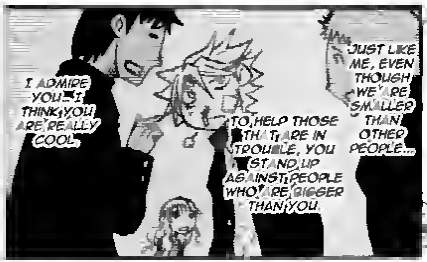
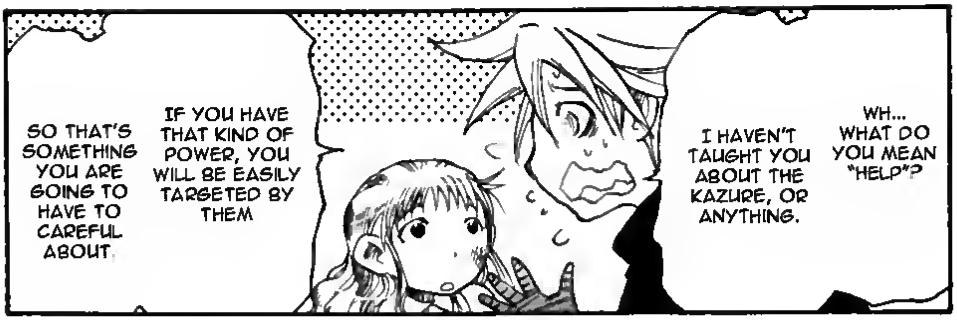

IF IT'S JUST CLOTH, MY FUR CAN FIX ANYTHING
UFU FU
WOW! THAT'S AMAZING! IT'S COMPLETELY FIXED!


I ADMIRE YOU! I THINK YOU ARE REALLY COOL.
TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE IN TROUBLE, YOU JUST AND UP AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE BIGGER THAN YOU.
JUST LIKE ME, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SMALLER THAN OTHER PEOPLE...

AS I EXPECTED... THAT'S AMAZING.
YOU BECAME A BRAVE PROTECTOR TO HELP TOMOE-CHAN, RIGHT?

EH?
I WANT TO BE BRAVE.
WHEN I LOOK AT TOMIT-SUKA-KUN,

I WANT TO HELP
IF THAT'S GOING TO HELP PEOPLE, THEN...
MY POWER CAN BE USED TO FIND MONSTERS LIKE THE ONE THAT WE SAW JUST NOW.


WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HELP"?
I HAVEN'T TAUGHT YOU ABOUT THE KAZURE, OR ANYTHING.
IF YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER, YOU WILL BE EASILY TARGETED BY THEM
SO THAT'S SOMETHING YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CAREFUL ABOUT

BUT, EVEN IF I AM CAREFUL... IF I'M TARGETED THEN I AM TARGETED, RIGHT?
WELL... WELL YEAH,
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH FIGHTS

...
THIS IS TROUBLE-SOME

YOU'RE TOO LATE;
I'M FULL WITH YOUR COURAGE,
AND READY TO FIGHT!
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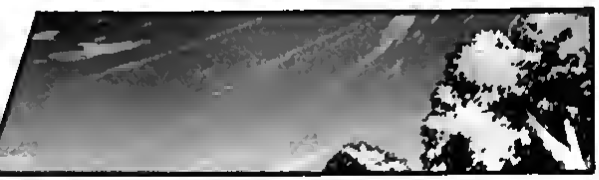

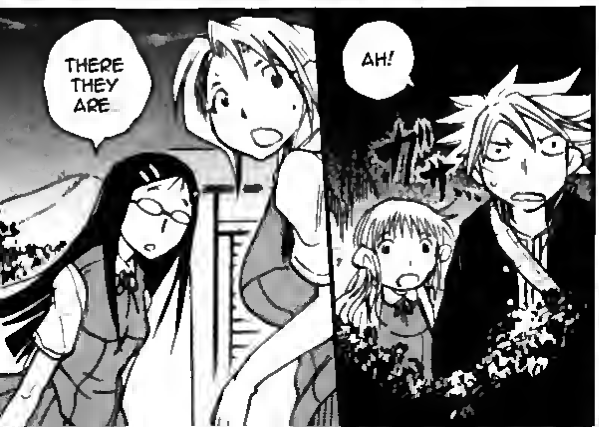
AH!
THERE THEY ARE

THE DARKNESS HAS SUDDENLY CLEARED AWAY, HUH?
AAH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CHEEK?
If you suddenly disappear, people are going to worry, you know!
IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE SOMEONE...
WHO UNDERSTANDS!
KEI-KUN, YUKIFUSA-KUN, YOU CAN RELY ON ME AT ANYTIME
THANKS FOR TODAY I'LL SEE YOU IN SCHOOL TOMORROW.
LETS GO HOME.
TALKING SO CASUALLY TO YOU TOO!
THIS WAS... UNEXPECTED!
Y... YEA...
Oww! What are you doing?!
!?
WELL...
EVEN..
THAT ....
REALLY ?!
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID WE SHOULD HAVE LEFT HER
HMM, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE MORE COMMON SENSE THAN YOU, SO I CAN BE RELIED ON MORE.

DON'T TELL ME, ANOTHER KUZURE?!
YEAH...
BUT, JUST FOR A SECOND...
I ONLY SENSED HIM FOR A MOMENT...
EH?
IN AN INSTANT...
SOME-ONE...
SOME-BODY
SOME PERSON...

SOME-
WHERE...
DESTROYED
A KUZURE.
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